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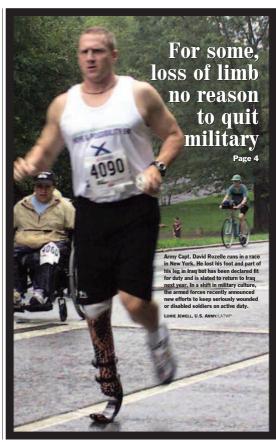
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Ikego Elementary School Principal Jim Journey reads a story to kindergartner Linell Tarver during a recent class picnic at Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan. The students were inspired to host the picnic after reading Anne Shelby's "Potluck."



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Akbar court-martial: A sergeant's admission that he rolled grenades into the tents of sleeping soldiers in Kuwait last vear will be admissible when he goes on trial in the attack, a judge at Fort Bragg,

N.C., ruled Thursday.

The ruling came at a pretrial hearing for et. Hasan Akbar, 33, of the 101st Airborne Division. A statement he made immediately after the attack was admitted as evidence but some later statements were disallowed

by the military judge, Col. Stephen Henley. Henley also granted Akbar's lawyers a delay in his trial until April 5 so they could gather more documentation for an insanity defense

Moussaoui trial: A Jordanian man who claims he was Osama bin Laden's body guard was questioned by U.S. officials who are considering having him testify at the Virginia trial of terror suspect Zacarias Mous-

saoui, the man's attorney said Thursday. Shadi Abdellah, 28, sentenced last November to four years in prison for helping plan terror attacks in Germany, was granted early release last month after serving more than half the time, including in pretrial custody.

U.S. soldier killed: An American soldier was fatally injured when a Humvee vehicle rolled over in Kabul, Afghanistan, while another was slightly hurt by a bomb, the military said Thursday.

The Humvee accidentally overturned during a routine security patrol Wednesday evening in Paktika province, a military statement said.

The second soldier, hurt when a homemade bomb hit a U.S. convoy patrolling near Asadabad in eastern Kunar province, was treated and returned to duty

Hassan kidnapping: A mutilated body found in Iraq is not that of kidnapped aid worker Margaret Hassan, the British government said Wednesday. But the Foreign Of-fice said it continued to believe Hassan had been murdered, although the evidence was not conclusive.

The Foreign Office said dental tests conducted in the United States showed the body of a woman of Western appearance, found in Fallujah last month by U.S. Marines, was not Hassan

World

U.S. woman's Peru conviction: The Inter-American Court of Human Rights has upheld the conviction of an American oman imprisoned in Peru for terrorist collaboration with Marxist guerrillas, Presi-



Congo unrest: Congolese soldiers guard a government official's house Thursday in Goma Democratic Republic of Congo. U.N. air and ground patrols have photographed freshly made ncampments and unidentified well-equipped troops in east Congo, U.N. officials said Thursday, bolstering suspicions, still unconfirmed, that Rwanda is making good on its threat to send troops into its larger, weaker neighbor. U.N. officials say they have yet to conclusively determine any Rwandan troop presence in Congo.

dent Aleiandro Toledo confirmed Thursday. When asked to comment on news reports of the ruling about Lori Berenson, Toledo told Radioprogramas radio that the court members "have ratified the sentence and I once again salute the court members.

The court which is affiliated with the Organization of American States, last week debated Berenson's appeal and 20-year sentence.

Nation

Lotto winner arrest: A man who won a record \$315 million in the Powerball lottery was taken to jail on charges of drunken driving and carrying a pistol, authorities said.

Jack Whittaker, 57, was arrested Tuesday

night after his Hummer struck a concrete median on the West Virginia Turnpike near Beckley. Troopers also said they found a small pis-

tol in Whittaker's boot and he was carrying \$117,000. He was released after he was arraigned and posted \$1,700 bail. Besides the DUI and weapons charges, he was charged with failure to maintain control of his vehicle and failure to submit to a breath test.

Right-to-die case: Florida Governor Jeb Bush went to the U.S. Supreme Court on Wednesday in a bid to keep a severely brain-damaged woman alive over her hus-

At issue is whether Bush overstepped his

authority when he pushed through the Legislature a law in 2003 that allowed him to have Terri Schiavo's feeding tube reinserted. Six days earlier, her husband had the tube removed with a judge's approval.

Election indictment: President Bush's former New England campaign chairman says he will fight a federal indictment in the

jamming of get-out-the-vote phone lines Election Day 2002 in New Hampshire. "I am saddened to learn that this action has been taken against me," James Tobin said Wednesday in a statement.

New Hampshire Democrats, who have filed a lawsuit over the jamming, had ac-cused Tobin in October of involvement in the jamming. Tobin, 44, stepped down Oct. 15, but denied involvement at the time.

rity lapses at the Los Alamos National Labo-ratory, the government will consider business and management ability as much as scientific expertise when selecting a new man-ager for the facility.

Los Alamos has been managed by the University of California since the lab's creation as a top-secret World War II project to devel-op the atomic bomb. But problems, including missing computer drives and sloppy fiscal procedures, led the department for the first time to call for an open bidding pro-

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Grissom dining hall still isn't open to all

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN

Stars and Stripes

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan - When choosing where to eat on base, some enlisted troops here have one fewer option than they did a year ago.

Since reopening in August after a five-month renovation, Grissom Dining Facility has been off-limits to enlisted members drawing basic allowance for subsistence, an untaxed food stipend of about

Initially, the mess was to be open to meal-card holders and personnel on tempo-rary duty only for 30 to 60 days after Grissom reopened Aug. 16. This was intended to give dining hall staffers time to adjust to a new buffet-a la carte serving style and to ensure there was enough food for meal-card holders, base officials said.

"We started realizing we needed more time, so we asked for an extension," said Senior Master Sgt. Ray Magby, food services superintendent, 35th Services Squadron.

This week, Brig. Gen. Bill Rew, 35th Fighter Wing and Misawa base commander, signed a memorandum outlining who is authorized to use Misawa's government dining facilities. The policy letter states, in part, that enlisted members drawing basic allowance for subsistence may use only the Falcon Feeder Dining Facility and flight kitchen, located near the flight line.

Those authorized on a routine basis to use Grissom - the main enlisted mess on base — are meal-card holders and TDY personnel.

Officials said the policy is temporary and Grissom will reopen to all enlisted

Who can graze at Grissom

Those authorized to eat at Grissom Dining Facility, according to a 35th Fighter Wing policy letter published Nov. 29, include:

1. Enlisted servicemembers who are meal-card

notoers.

2. Personnel on temporary duty with orders authorizing them to use government dining facilities.

3. First sergeants, all E-9s and commanders at the squadron level and above, when eating to assess the food quality and quantity available for authorized per-

4. All officers and enlisted U.S. military n 4. Au officers and enlisted U.S. military members and their family members for special meals on the holi-days of Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, and the Air Force birthday. Spouses and children of enlisted mem-bers in ranks E-I to E-4 will pay only the discount rate.

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troops sometime next year, though a date has not been set

Magby and Capt. Seth Cunningham, 35th Services Squadron combat support flight commander, said Grissom is designed to serve primarily enlisted dormitory residents who don't receive a monthly food allowance and eat for free at Grissom.

"This is their dining hall." Magby said of dorm residents. "Capt. Cunningham and I can run over to Burger King, the club or even bring a lunch. This is their kitchen, if

Cunningham said meal-card holders, TDY personnel and boxed meals for aircraft crews are Grissom's top priorities, as set forth in Air Force guidance

"Once all those requirements are met, the wing commander has the option of opening it to other members on base," he

About 1,700 troops are on the meal-card program, according to Magby. Between September and November of last year, when Grissom was open to all enlisted servicemembers, it served about 60,000 meals - paid both by cash and meal card - compared with 40.000 during the same time

Some airmen without meal-card privileges say Grissom should be open to all enlisted personnel. They say options on base are limited and lean toward the unhealthy especially in the food court. Several airmen also said they would definitely go to Grissom for breakfast since there are few places to grab a quick meal in the morning

"I would like to eat there because some times it gets old with all this fast food," said Staff Sgt. Sudhakar Rengaraj, a traffic manager with 35th Logistics Readiness Squadron. At other bases Rengaraj has been to, such as McConnell Air Force Base in Kansas, "pretty much everybody could eat there," he said.

"There's only so many places you can go on base and the dining facility makes a vari-ety of foods," he added.

Staff Sgt. Willie Cooper, a transporter with 35th Logistics Readiness Squadron. said he's heard Grissom's food is much improved since the renovation — but since he's married and receives basic allowance for subsistence, he hasn't had the opportu-

nity to check it out "I would definitely go there for the selection of more healthy foods," he said Thursday, after grabbing lunch in the food court. Everything here is fried food. We're waiting for it to open up for everybody.

Magby said the Grissom staff has worked through most of its growing pains. The renovated serving area has at least 18 food stations and no longer is a typical cafeteria where customers file through a serving line. People serve themselves at many stations, and there were issues with figuring out what equals a portion, since cashiers must account for number of food items he said Some patrons, for example, "were taking

five or six pieces of fried chicken and we were running out of it," Cunningham said. To regulate portion size, "we've turned the spoons on some items and everything right now is not buffet style," Magby said. "We're pretty square with everything now

But Magby said officials still aren't ready to open Grissom to all enlisted ser-vicemembers because of "some mission changes in January."

He would not elaborate, but base offi-

ials said Magby likely was referring to Misawa's upcoming rotation in the Air Expeditionary Force cycle when, for several months, it will be difficult to predict how many personnel will be on station.

"Once the mission goes back to normal, we'll go back to normal," Magby said. E-mail Jennifer H. Svan at: svani@pstripes.osd.mil

AF tries to better integrate active, reserve units

BY LISA BURGESS Stars and Strines

ARLINGTON, Va. - The Air Force six announced new U.S.-based initiatives Wednesday that will give the Air Force faster access to skilled personnel in wartime and eventually reduce the number of deployments for airmen, service

Dubbed "Future Total Force the actions will involve some stateside active, reserve and Air National Guard units but not overseas installations or deployed airmen, according to Air Force spokesman Capt. Glen Roberts.

If these initiatives work, [they] will reduce the need for mobiliza-tions down the road." Roberts said in a Wednesday phone interview

However, reducing deployments
"is a secondary effect ... not the
principal reason we're doing this,"
according to Lt. Gen. Stephen
Wood, the Air Force's Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Programs. Instead, service officials are mak-

ing the changes "so that the Air

Force can have a greater capability to be a full partner in a joint warfight ing team," Wood said Wednesday.

The initiatives focus on mixing ac tive-duty with reserve personnel, who in the Air Force tend to stay in their units for long periods of time, officials said.

The low turnover rates in the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard mean that many of the service's most senior fliers and other nersonnel are in the reserve components, not the active wings.

The point of many of the initiatives is to test whether mixing the reserve and active communities more will help "rebalance" these ex-perience levels, Wood said.

Deployments would be eventual-ly be reduced because once reserve and active units are better integrated, with the help of new technologies the Air Force would have more of an ability to "reach back" and tap the expertise of reservists on a more regular basis, "without putting them through the pressures or the stress of the mobilization process," Wood said

The initiatives include the inte gration of a reserve wing, Virginia Air National Guard's 192nd Fighter Wing in Richmond, Va., with an active-duty 1st Fighter Wing at Langlev Air Force Base. Va., to fly the new F/A-22 fighter jet; stationing active duty personnel with Vermont's 158th Fighter Wing; and combining the Air Force Reserve's 419th Fight-er Wing with the active duty's 388th ghter Wing, both of which are Hill Air Force Base, Utah, and fly the F-16 fighter.

The other efforts include allowing members of the Texas and Arizona Air National Guards to operate the Predator Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV), which until now has been the province of active-duty units; working with the Army to build and operate a new Distributed Ground Station facility in western New York to process global intelligence information and integrating reserve personnel into all missions performed at the Air Warfare Center at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

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No fueling around



Senior Airmen David Cameron, top, and Dwayne Gooden, both members of the 374th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Fuels Mobility Support Equipment Element at Yokota Air Base, Japan use a cargo strap to secure a fuel bladder on a transportable hydrant refueling system during inspection Tuesday. Yokota is the central location for portable fuels storage and dispensing systems in the Pacific Air Force.

Bowling tourney to benefit toy drive

The Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station Inter-Service Bowling Association is hosting a bowling tournament at 1 p.m. Saturday to benefit Toys for Tots

The participation cost is an unwrapped new toy. Prizes will be awarded for age division and overall winners. Door prizes will also be awarded.

'Casablanca' comes to Iwakuni

Complete with elements of undying, desperate love, drunken fights, heroic acts and old-fashioned mob tactics, Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station's Matthew C. Perry High School is presenting "Casablanca," its first full-length dramatic performance of the year.

In addition to teaching drama and preparing students for speech competitions, director Joe Silbaugh stated in a base news report, he has plans for regular high school productions throughout the year. He stresses the importance of drama and stage performance for students.

"Just getting up in front of people is a big step — this is how they'll learn to be confident public speakers," he said in the report.

"Casablanca" begins at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Matthew C. Perry Elementary School gym. Call DSN 253-3585 for more information

From staff reports

Army Sgt. Matt DeWitt, who was injured in Iraq, tries out a prosthetic at Walter Reed Army

Medical Center in Washington. Advances in medical technology and changes in the military are allow-

ing some of the

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The Washington Post

'I'm going to take a spare leg with me to war'

Medical retirement no longer automatic for servicemembers disabled in combat

> BY ANNE HULL The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — After an anti-tank mine destroyed his foot and part of his leg in Iraq, Capt. David Rozelle, 31, considered his future. In another era, the commander of a cavalry troop would have been heralded for his bravery and likely issued a medical retirement.

tirement. But Rozelle experienced a different message while hospitalized at Walter Reed Army Mediized at Walter Reed Army Medievery officer who visited his room cheered on a comeback. The Texas native spent the next inte months swimming, weight lifting, mountain biking and getting used to running with an artifiing used to running with an artifiting used to running with an artifiting used to running with an artifiphysical fitness tests given by the Army medical board and was declared fit for duty. Next year, Rozelle is slated to deploy to Iraq as the commander of a 3rd Armored Cavally Regiment headquarters

"I see so many young men that say, 'Hell, yeah, I want to continue to serve and fight,' " Rozelle said.

In a shift in military culture, the U.S. armed forces have recently announced new efforts to keep seriously wounded or disabled soldiers on active duty. Although there is no clear written policy, the sentiment is being echoed down from the White House.

"When we're talking about forced discharge, we're talking about another age and another" military, President Bush told wounded soldiers at Walter Reed last year. "This is a new age, and this is a new [military]. Today, if wounded service members want to remain in uniform and can da

the job, the military tries to help them stay."
Military commanders cite advances in medical technology as the main reason for the shift. Better prosthetics — such as Rozelle's \$7,000 leg — are allowing some of

he wounded to regain their fitness and continue to serve. Others say the military's new attitude toward the disabled is simply mirroring society's.

But one observer says the change is also practical. In an era of constant deployment, the Pentagon needs a more flexible and diversified workforce, said Laura Miller, a military sociologist with the Rand Corp.

Although much of the nation's attention has focused on the more than 1,250 U.S. troops who have died in Iraq, more than 9,300 have been wounded, and the number climbs daily. Various service branches say they are trying to do a better job helping the wounded through the paperwork and medical board evaluations, but backlogs remain.

In April, the Army formed the Disabled Soldier Support System, or DS3, a resource network available to soldiers who are 30 per-

44Our view is that once a soldier, always a soldier, and the Army is looking for ways to keep a number of them on active duty

rather than medically retiring them.

Lt. Gen. Franklin Hagenbeck

Army deputy chief of staff for personnel

cent or more disabled — paralysis or the loss of a limb or an eye. The DS3 helps soldiers weigh their options regarding retirement or trying to stay on active duty. The Army estimates that almost 900 of those injured in Iraq are eligible for the program.

Amputations account for 2.4 percent of all wounded in action in the Iraq war — twice the rate in World War II, said Chuck Scoville, the ampute program manager of Walter Reed. Sophisticated body armor and medical techniques in the battlefield have preserved lives but figures through Aug. 31 show that Army hospitals have treated 138 amputes from Iraq.

About 90 percent of severely in-

jured soldiers decide after a year to take medical retirement, according to an Army estimate. Those who want to stay on active duty must prove that they can meet certain physical requirements; many may be deemed unfit to return to their original

"Our view is that once a soldier, always a soldier, and the Army is looking for ways to keep a number of them on active duty rather than medically retting them," said LI. Gen Franklin Hagenbeck, the Army's deputy chief of staff for personnel. He has pledged to personally review the case of any military amputee who feels unfairly treated.

David Autry, spokesman for Disabled American Veterans, one of the nation's largest veterans service groups, said he wishes the government would focus more on making sure that transitioning service members and veterans receive quality health care and timely access to benefits.

ceive quality health care and timely access to benefits. But Autry applauds the Pentagon's new spirit. "I suspect that there will be wonderful success stories and

wonderful success stories and fairly miserable failures," he said. "You've got a soldier with a \$20,000 computerized leg. If he gets deployed back to Iraq, if it gets sand and crud in it, it gives out, who's gonna fix it?"

out, who's gonna fix it?"
Rozelle will see for himself when he returns to Iraq in the spring.
"I'm going to take a spare leg

"I'm going to take a spare leg with me to war," he said. "If I need one, I'll e-mail my prosthetist and say, 'Send me a leg.'"

U.S. force in Iraq to grow by January to highest level of war

BY ROBERT BURNS The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With the insurgency still a threat to Iraq's planned elections, the U.S. force is about to expand to its highest level of the war — even higher than the initial invading force in March 2003. The force will grow from 138,000 today to about 150,000 by mid-January, the Pentagon said Wednesday.

day.

Extra troops are needed to bolster security before the national elections scheduled for Jan. 30. The increase in troop strength also underscores the fact that American commanders have yet to train and equip enough Iraqis for security duty.

Lt. Gen. Lance Smith, deputy commander of Central Command, which is responsible for U.S. military operations throughout the Middle East, told reporters at the Pentagon last month that the insurgents have managed to intimidate many Iraqis into not cooperating with the Americans.

The expansion of the U.S. force also recalls assertions made by some Bush administration officials when the invasion was launched that although stabilizing the country would not be easy or cheap, it certainly would not require more U.S. troops than it took to topple Baghdad.

As it turns out, the post-invasion period has been far costlier in blood and treasure than almost anyone predicted. When President Bush declared major compart of the president Bush declared major compared to the president Bush declared major compared to the president Bush declared major compared to the president bush of the president properties and more than were there when Baghdad fell in early Anril.

The Pentagon said Wednesday that Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld approved a plan to send 1,500 soldiers of the 82nd Airborne Division from Fort Bragg, N.C., to Iraq this month and to extend by 60 days the combat tours of about 10,400 soldiers and Marines in Iraq who were to come home in January.

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Mortar rounds strike central Baghdad

U.S. Embassy tells workers they can't use airport road

BY NICK WADHAMS The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - Insurgents killed an American soldier in the restive city of Mosul and mortar strikes nummeled central Baghdad on Thursday, while the U.S. Embassy barred employees from the highway leading to the airport after failing to stop attackers from targeting foreigners who travel the dangerous road.

Despite the continued violence, a top Iraqi official insisted the security situa tion had improved since U.S. forces scattered insurgents in the Sunni city of Falluiah last month in preparation for elections set for Jan. 30.

The U.S. government has announced it is raising troop strength in Iraq to its highest level of the war to secure the

While Iraq's Kurds and majority Shiites back the elections. Sunni groups have demanded a postponement because of the poor security. President Bush dismissed those calls Thursday, insisting that Iraq's elections must not be delayed.

The American soldier was on a U.S.-Iraqi patrol in eastern Mosul when the attack occurred, Lt. Col. Paul Hastings said. He said two Iraqi commandos were also wounded

Hastings also said Iraqi and U.S. forces discovered 14 more unidentified bodies in different areas in Mosul on Thursday. He said there were also reports of five more bodies picked up by family members. That brings to at least 66 the number of bodies - many of them believed members of the Iraqi security forces - since Nov. 18.

Mosul's police force disintegrated during an insurgent uprising last month forcing the U.S. command to divert troops from the offensive in Fallu-

A witness in Mosul, Iraq's third larg-



A column of smoke rises after several mortar rounds exploded in central Baghdad on Thursday, including two in the Green Zone, the enclave that houses Irag's interim administration and several foreign embassies. At least one person was killed.

est city with about 1 million people. said he saw three bodies dumped in a western neighborhood, two of them with notes tucked in their undershirts that identified them as members of the Iraqi National Guard. They had several gunshot wounds to their heads and bodies. Insurgents have repeatedly targeted Iraqi police and soldiers, who are seen as cooperating with U.S. forces.

Also Thursday, attackers launched at least five mortars in central Baghdad, including two that crashed into the Green Zone, the compound that ho Irag's interim administration and U.S. diplomatic missions

One round struck near a mobile phone office in Baghdad's Arasat neighborhood, killing two civilians and wounding five, U.S. military spokesman Lt. Col. James Hutton said.

IIS forces have been helpless to ston insurgents from firing mortars into the heavily fortified area, a sharp reminder of how efforts to calm to the country ahead of the elections have been frus-

U.S. senators visiting Iraq on Thursday said they were pleased with President Bush's decision raising troop levels, but criticized him for not doing so

"We should have leveled with the American people in the beginning,' Sen, Joseph Biden, a Democrat from Delaware, told reporters, "It was absolutely inevitable" that more troops would be needed.

A symbol of the Americans' struggle to restore security has been the airport highway. Attackers using car bombs and explosives have stymied U.S. efforts to protect the road, one of the country's most crucial yet also one of its most perilous.

The U.S. Embassy decision to ban its employees from using the highway followed a near identical warning from Britain's foreign office on Monday. The embassy also cautioned U.S. citizens in Iraq to review their security situation and warned those planning to travel to Iraq whether such a trip was "absolute-

U.S. deaths in Iraq

As of Wednesday, at least 1,256 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 984 died as a result of hostile action. the Defense Department said. The figures include three military civilians.

The AP count is one lower than the Defense Department's tally

It's not unusual for the figures to differ slightly from day to day.

The British military has reported 74 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,118 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 875 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's num-

The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ No deaths reported.

The latest identifications reported by the military: ■ Army Spc. Sergio R. Diazvarela, 21, Lomita, Calif; died Nov. 24 in Ramadi, Iraq, when a bomb det-onated near his patrol; assigned to 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team,

Camp Howze, Korea. ■ Army Sgt. Christian P. Engeldrum, 39, New York; died Monday in Baghdad, Iraq, when his vehicle struck a bomb; assigned to the National Guard's

1st Battalion, 69th Infantry Regiment, New York Army Pfc, Wilfredo F, Urbina, 29, Baldwin, N.Y.; died Monday in Baghdad, Iraq, when his vehicle struck a bomb; assigned to the National Guard's 1st

Battalion, 69th Infantry Regiment, New York

■ Marine Lance Cpl. Blake A. Magaoav, 20, Pearl City, Hawaii; killed Monday in Iraq's Anbar province; assigned to 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Army Sgt. Michael A. Smith, 24, Camden, Ark.; died Friday at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., from injuries received in Baghdad, Iraq, on Nov. 7 from small arms fire; assigned to the National Guard's 1st Battalion, 153rd Infantry Regiment, Texarkana, Ark.

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U.S. ambassador offers olive branch to Taliban militants

BY STEPHEN GRAHAM The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan - The U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan appealed to Taliban militants on Thursday to make peace with American forces and respect the victory of Hamid Karzai in the country's first presidential election.

Zalmay Khalilzad promised "non-criminal" suporters of the former hardline regime that neither U.S. nor Afghan forces would attack or seize them if they give up their three-year insurgency.

Afghan and U.S. officials have called repeatedly on anti-government factions, including the Taliban, that are still fighting and those who fled the country to help rebuild the country as a moderate Islamic republic

But the offers have usually been vague and have drawn strong opposition from anti-Taliban leaders who helped the United States drive out the hardline militia in 2001, but could see their influence diluted

Khalilzad said he was working with Karzai's Washington-backed government on a full-blown reconciliation plan that could be expanded to include Afghans exiled by earlier conflicts.
"There's no need to fight, to stay in the mountains;

Afghanistan has entered a new stage," Khalilzad told reporters at a news conference in the Afghan

capital, Kabul. "It's time for this to end." Only an estimated 100-150 leaders and those asso. ciated with al-Qaida are considered ineligible for

the offer Officials say many members of the Pashtun-dominated militia have contacted them seeking assurance es they will not be thrown into prison if they return

to their villages.
Violence has continued since Karzai won a majority in the Oct. 9 presidential election, with aid workers and civilians as well as U.S. and Afghan soldiers among the victims

'I'd do Fallujah all over again'

Despite casualties, Marines in major battle consider it a source of pride

KATARINA KRATOVA

The Associated Press

FALLUJAH, Iraq — Maj. Rich Bourgeois says the image of a young Navy medical corpsman rushing to aid a mortally wounded Marine in Fallujah's notorious Jolan district will be forever imprinted in his mind.

"In the middle of a firefight, there was this wounded Marine, his left leg blown off and just the femur sticking out," recounts Bourgeois, 41, of Malden, Mass. "And the young corpsman ran to his side, oblivious to the battle, applying the tourniquet."

More than 50 Marines have died since the Fallujah attack began Nov. 8, and skirmishes still take place in the city. Yet for some Marines, their performance in one of the major battles of the Iraq conflict is a source of pride.

"Fallujah is going to be right up there among the most successful battles in Iraq," said Maj. Tom Davis, 45, of St. Cloud, Minn. "It's where the rubber meets the road. That is where our heroes did their best."

Fighting in Fallujah and elsewhere in Iraq made Novemberone of the bloodiest months for American forces since the war began in March 2003. At least 135 U.S. troops died in November — the same number as last April, which had been the deadliest month of the conflict.

"Fallujah has been a life-changing event for many of the Marines, fighting in an environment that is just unfathomable to anyone outside," said Bourgeois, an explosives expert who retired from active duty two years ago, but was recalled this year.



US soldiers patrol in Fallujah, Iraq, on Nov. 26. Many Marines point to the battles in Fallujah as a source of pride.

During the Fallujah battle, he was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment to study enemy tactics and techniques

Although the fighting was brulat, Bourgeois believes the Marines' morale was reinforced when they found evidence of atroctites committed by insurgents — including emaciated hostages chained to the wall and bodies of those killed execution-style.

"When we saw what the enemy did, what they were capable of doing, we were only more eager to do away with this pure cuil," Bourgeois added. "Regardless of how many pockets of resistance are still out there, it will not sway our morale. Nothing can."

First Lt. Lyle Gilbert, a spokesman for the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, said morale is high in Fallujah — despite the ongoing firefights.

"Sure, the Marines are engaging every day. Fallujah is not as cleared as everyone would like it to be," he said. "Some insurgents still lie there in waiting. But we will chase them."

Lt. Col. Dan Wilson said that although major resistance collapsed two weeks ago, Fallujah remains a very dangerous place for American troops because some insurgents are still holding out or have slipped back into the city.

"One minute they [Marines] might be handing out emergency supplies and a couple of steps away, they might be getting shot at by insurgents who are still hiding in some damaged structure," Wilson said.

Some of the Marines eched

those concerns as they patrol Fallujah, its empty streets an apocalyptic landscape of bombed out buildings and debris.

"There is always a moment of uncertainty that some Iraqi would be passing by, giving us the thumbs up and the next minute he'd fire an AK-47 at us," said Sgt. Mike Wagner, 27, of St. Louis.

"But you know that your buddy is there, watching your back. If it weren't for my buddies, I wouldn't be here."

Sgt. Wayne Doyle, 23, of Neversink, N.Y., said he naturally misses home.

"But I'd much rather be here with my Marines," he said. "And I'd do Fallujah all over again."

3 GIs accused in slaying of Iraqi general face hearing

The Associated Press

FORT CARSON, Colo. — Three of the four U.S. soldiers accused of smothering an Iraqi general during an interrogation last fall are facing the possibility of court-martial.

But, citing national security, the Army closed their Article 32 hearing Thursday. Allowing the public and the media to observe would cause serious damage to national security and could jeopardize the defendants' safety, investigating officer Capt. Robert Ayers said.

Ayers said.

The soldiers could get life in prison without parole if conviction in the Nov. 26 death of Maj. Gen. Abed Hamed Mowhoush, 57, at Qaim, Iraq. The U.S. Army said Mowhoush died of asphyxiation from chest compression and from being smothered.

Mowhoush was killed with an electrical cord, according to charging documents in the case, and a Pentagon report given to Congress in June reportedly says a soldier sat on Mowhoush as he was restrained inside a sleeping bag. Chief Warrant Officers Jeffer-Chief Warrant Officers Jeffer-

son Williams, Sgt. 1st Class William Sommer, Spc. Jerry Loper and Lewis Welshofer Jr. are charged with murder and dereliction of duty.



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Stars and Stripes now printing in Afghanistan

BY PATRICK DICKSON Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Stars and Stripes began printing newspapers in Afghanistan on Thursday, starting with a daily print run of 1,380 papers, and may expand its circulation after more tests are done.

The change means servicemembers serving in Afghanistan will be seeing much fresher news — papers had seen delays of up to three weeks in the previous distribution system.

Stripes had been shipping newspapers to Afghanistan from its presses in Germany via Bahrain, where, at best, papers would take five days to get to Kabul, and often much longer to reach outlying areas through the military supply system.

Stripes Publisher Tom Kelsch sees it as a significant improveand for the organization.

"For Stripes, it means we're bet-

ter able to accomplish our mission to serve those servicemembers [deployed to Afghanistan]," Kelsch said.

The paper will be delivered

daily in Kabul, Kandahar, Camp Phoenix (near Kabul) and Bagram Air Base. Papers will also be distributed via the military postal system to 10 other posts.

Readers will now be receiving the Middle East edition of Stripes, currently being tailored to audiences in Iraq, Kuwait and Qatar, rather than the Europe editions. Also included will be Sunday comics, which are actually in the Saturday edition.

Stripes currently prints about 60,000 copies of its Middle East edition at print sites in Baghdad, Kuwait, and Qatar.

IN THE WORLD

Philippines beaten by another storm

160,000 people flee as typhoon hits already-battered country

BY PAT ROQUE The Associated Press

MARAGUNDON, Philippines - More than 160,000 people fled to high ground or crowded into schools and town halls Thursday as yet another powerful typhoon battered the eastern Philippines, where rescuers are still struggling to find scores of missing from an earlier storm that killed more than

Mudslides and flash floods have turned entire provinces facing the Pacific Ocean into a sea of chocolate-brown mud littered with bodunrooted trees, collapsed homes and bridges

420 people.

At least 422 people were killed and 177 were missing, officials said Thursday

Survivors sifted through piles of mud, which in some towns was ankle deep, for clothes and belong ings. Soldiers, police and medical workers trekked with relief supplies across flood-ravaged roads and bare mountains to reach towns cut off by landslides.

In Infanta town in Quezon prov ince, east of Manila, where 100 died. officials allowed residents to briefly leave evacuation centers to retrieve belongings from dam aged homes, but warned them to return because of the typhoon.

"We are not concerned so much about saving property. We just want to save lives," said Infanta Mayor Filipina America.

Typhoon Nanmadol made landfall late Thursday along the northeast coast with sustained winds of up to 115 mph and gusts of up to 138 mph. It sliced through the northern half of the main island of Luzon at 21 mph toward the South China Sea.



A group of men carry their sick relatives in a hammock as they walk in the mud at a landslide site Thursday in the typhoon-ravaged town of Real, east of Manila, Philippines. More than 160,000 people fled to high grou or crowded into schools and town halls Thursday as yet another powerful typhoon battered the Philippines.

Schools and government offices were to remain closed Friday in Manila and the rest of the country, the presidential office announced

The coast guard prevented ferries, small boats and fishermen from leaving ports, and the air force said the bad weather had basically grounded its rescue fleet.

The typhoon drenched Manila and most of the country, causing flooding on some streets and temporary power outages in the capi-

In coastal Mercedes town, 145 miles southeast of Manila, about 2,000 people moved into a school as heavy rains and strong winds lashed the area. Similar evacuations took place throughout the region, where people took refugee in sturdy buildings

The Office of Civil Defense reorted as many as 168,000 people have been evacuated.

Rough seas and debris forced a navy gunboat to turn around after it tried to bring food and medicine to the hardest-hit town, Real, in Quezon province, where a landslide earlier this week killed at least 150, said navy spokesman Capt. Geronimo Malabanan.

Later Thursday, President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo distributed relief goods during a 10-minute visit to Maragundon, on the outskirts of Real.

About 400 troops set out for Real on foot with relief supplies in their backpacks and in boxes perched on their heads, inching along a route blocked by up to 20 landslides, said regional military com-mander Mai. Gen. Pedro Cabuay.

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"They will carry as many supplies as they can," he said.

TV footage showed landslide-hit towns with mud-covered bodies laid out in common areas, where anguished mothers wept for their children. Fathers and brothers, meanwhile, clawed through mud in a desperate search for missing loved ones.

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U.S. Army deserter's moving plan delayed

TOKYO - U.S. Army deserter Charles Jenkins, who was recently released after spending nearly a month in a U.S. military prison, has delayed plans to move to his wife's hometown in northern Japan because the U.S. military rejected his vacation request, a oup said Thursday.

Jenkins his Jananese wife Hitomi Soga, and their two daughters were to head Friday to the small island of Sado where the family is to resettle

But that plan has been postponed, and Jenkins probably won't be granted leave until next week or later, according to a support group for Japanese kidnapped by North Korean spies decades ago.

Jenkins' wife was kidnapped from her Japanese hometown by North Korean agents in 1978.

A U.S. military court sentenced Jenkins to 30 days in jail last month for abandoning his unit to cross into North Korea 39 years ago. He was released on Saturday after serving 25 days.

Jenkins, a native of Rich Square, N.C., told the court that he fled his Army post in South

Korea on Jan. 5, 1965, because he had heard rumors that he was to be reassigned to combat in Vietnam. He said he didn't intend to stay in the North — instead, he had planned to defect to the Soviet Embassy there and eventually make his way back to the United States communist regime



North Korea, however. him for 39 years. He was al lowed

leave the North earlier this year to join his wife. Soga was only allowed to return

Japan two years ago after North Korean leader Kim Jong Il admitted his country had kidnapped 13 Japanese citizens to obtain teach ers of Japanese language and customs for its spies.

Jenkins said after his release

from prison that while he wanted to visit the United States, he intended to live in Japan with his family.

N. Korea defector back

SEOUL - A North Korean man who defected to South Korea but later returned to the communist North was sent back to the South as a spy, the government's main inelligence agency said Thursday.

The man, identified only by his

last name, Lee, defected to South Korea in January 2003, the Na-tional Intelligence Service said in a statement

In April, however, Lee traveled into North Korea to help his sib-lings defect but was arrested by North Korean police, the state ment said

To avoid punishment, he communist authorities the information he had about North Korean de-

fectors in South Korea, it said.

The man turned himself in once he returned to the South, it said The South Korean intelligence agency issued a rare public statement to clarify the case.

Roh wants nuclear talks

LONDON — Regional six-party talks on North Korea's nuclear program must resume as soon as possible, South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun said Thursday.

Following talks in London with British Prime Minister Tony Blair, Roh said it was unlikely the two Koreas would hold a bilateral summit on the issue in the near future and said the regional talks, which include Russia, China, the United States and Japan, were the best way forward

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Study shows high level of chlamydia among students in northern Japan

The Associated Press

TOKYO — One in 10 high school students in northern Japan has chlamydia, a curable sexually transmitted disease, a study showed Thursday.

The study tested 3,190 Japanese students ages 16 to 18 at more than a dozen high schools, and found that 11.4 percent of them were infected, according to Dr. Hirohisa Imai at Asahikawa Medical College on Japan's northermost main island of Hokkaido.

Most of the students who tested positive weren't aware they had chlamydia, and those who knew they were infected weren't getting treatment, he

Chlamydia can cause infertility and is often called the silent infection because it can have no symptoms. Infection rates in the United States and Europe are generally estimated at 1 percent to 2 percent of the population.

Imai, who was to amounce his findings at a conference this week, said his study was the first conducted on a large scale in Japan. Previous government statistics were drawn from patients who had received treatment at hospitals and clinics. he said.

"This shows that infections in Japan are the worst among the world's advanced countries," Imai said. He blamed Japan's inadequate sex education in schools, and said the numbers suggest that Japanese teens might be extremely vulnerable to infec-

nese teens might be extremely vulnerable to infections of other sexually transmitted diseases, such as HIV/AIDS.

Chlamydia can be prevented by using a condom when having sex. It is caused by a bacteria and can be treated with antibiotics.



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A young girl waits on a bicycle to cross a Tokyo street Wednesday, World AIDS Day, in front of a condom poster. As Japan focused Wednesday on the AIDS crisis, a recently released study suggests the nation's teens might be extremely vulnerable to sexually transmitted diseases, such as chlamydia.

Among girls tested, the average infection rate was 13.9 percent — higher than the rate for boys, at 7.3

percent — Imai said.

Imai led a team of health care workers who visited 13 high schools from October to December 2003.

They collected urine samples and asked students about sexual frequency. Students already treated for the disease were excluded.

Cheating scandal shocks S. Koreans

Trickery alleged on entrance exams

BY SOO-JEONG LEE
The Associated Press

SEOUL — It isn't hardened crooks being paraded before the cameras, but a gang of teenagers accused of using mobile phone messages to cheat on college entrance exams who are the focus of a sensational scandal that has gripped South Korea.

Police said Wednesday they were broadening their investigation of the scam, with at least 100 students alleged so far to have taken part in cheating rings during the annual College Scholastic Ability Test on Nov. 17. The numbers of suspects is expected to rise as investigators pore over more text messages stored in mobile phone companies' computers.

The uncovering of the scam has shocked South Koreans, whose Confucian upbringing emphasizes good education in a country where the choice of university can determine the course of a person's life and career.

It is being taken so seriously that the parliamentary floor leader of the main opposition Grand National Party called this week for the resignation of Education

Minister Ahn Byung-young. Leading newspapers have urged a major overhaul of the testing system.

South Korean students go through rigorous after-school courses to prepare for the highly competitive exam, which is given only once a year.

The cheating ring allegedly involved smart students, called "players," who would message answers through moble phone text messages to another student, who would then relay them to a group of test-takers. It's not yet clear what criminal charges the students could face, and some commentators have also called for leniency to avoid jailing the teens.

Under test rules, students are asked to voluntarily turn in their mobile phones to supervisors, but there are no strict checks to make

sure they have complied.

South Korea is one of the world's most wired nations, and advanced mobile phones with text and picture messaging have become an indispensable accessory for much of the population. To prevent cheating, some have suggested jamming devices be installed in testing rooms.

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IN THE STATES

Bush names new Homeland Security head

BY DEB RIECHMANN

The Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON - President Bush has chosen former New York police commis-sioner Bernard Kerik, who helped oversee the city's response to the Sept. 11 attacks, to run the Department of Homeland Security, a senior administration official said Thursday.

Bush also announced his choice of Ne braska Gov. Mike Johanns to be agriculture secretary, choosing a dairy farmer's son who has traveled widely to promote American farm sales abroad.

And, in a third development, U.N. Ambassador John Danforth submitted his res-

U.N. ambassador submits resignation; Bush names Neb. governor to be agriculture secretary

ignation, an official said. Danforth had taken the post last June.

The flurry of announcements came as Bush reshaped his team for his second

Kerik's nath to the ton anti-terror nosition, replacing Tom Ridge, has been anything but conventional.

A military policeman in South Korea in the 1970s. Kerik's first anti-terrorism work was as a paid private security worker in Saudi Arabia. He joined the New York Police Department in 1986, first walking a Times Square when it was still a haven for small-time hustlers.

He eventually was tapped to lead the city's corrections department, and was appointed commissioner in 2000

It was in that position that he became known to the rest of the country, supervis-ing the NYPD's response to the 2001 terror attacks, often at the side of then-mayor Rudolph Giuliani. In 2003, he took on a temporary assignment in Iraq to help rebuild the country's police force.

After the 9/11 attack, Kerik helped rally a department that lost 23 members. Most recently, he has been a consultant for Giuliani Partners, working to rebuild Baghdad's police force.

Danforth had been mentioned as a successor to Secretary of State Colin Powell, but Bush picked Condoleezza Rice. Danforth plans to retire.

Danforth, 68, a Republican former Missouri senator, has been tapped by presidents of both parties as a troubleshooter. He led a Clinton-era investigation of the Waco Branch Davidian affair, and Bush named him special envoy for peace in Sudan. Danforth took over at the United Nations when Bush's first ambassador. John Negroponte, resigned this year.

Naval Academy again rejects gay alumni club

The Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, Md. - The governing board of the Naval Academy Alumni Association rejected Thursday, for the second consec-

utive year, a bid from graduates who sought to establish a pre-dominantly gay and lesbian

alumni chapter. No U.S. service academy has ever official. ly sanctioned a gay alumni chap-

"I think when they reject us today, they are making their discrimination

clear,' said Jeff Petrie, who founded the group and attended the trustees' meeting along with five other members of the orga-

The group has been operating

and inducting members for more than a year, even though it doesn't have the official sanction of the alumni association. Now 68 members strong, it is the only group the association has ever denied affiliation.

Earlier this

week, the associ-44I think when ation released a list of reasons they reject us why the request could be rejecttoday, they are ed. The reasons makina their included the group's scatdiscrimination tered membership and the locaclear. 77 tion of its headquarters in San Francisco - a re-Founder Castro chanter already gion

served by an alumni chapter.

The association also has emphasized that the group, which calls itself the Castro chapter, is narrowly tailored to serve a special interest. Skid Heyworth, a and secretary of the board of trustees, said the association will deny applications from groups focused on a special interest because those chapters would be exclusive.

"The denial means that chapters will continue to be drawn from the membership at large, not from alumni groupings determined by personal characteristics or particularized goals," the association said Thursday in a news release.

The Castro chapter revamped itself this year in an effort to win recognition from the alumni association. It established its base as the Castro district, a predominantly gay neighborhood of San Francisco, after trustees said last year that new chapters have to be "geographic in nature."

The group also rewrote its bylaws to clarify that it doesn't exclude heterosexual graduates. and it inducted its first straight member

Rhonda Gaynier, a New York real-estate lawyer, talks Monday about her ordeal with airline security while in New York. Gaynier says she was groped by an airport screener in Tampa, Fla., and is considering a lawsuit against the Transportation Security Administration.

Women say airport patdowns go too far

NEW YORK - Rhonda Gavnier, a New York real-estate law-yer, was flying home from Tampa, Fla., and passing through airport security when she was asked to step aside for more screening.

What happened next shocked her: Using an open hand, a security agent touched her on her shoulders, under her arms, around her waist, across her bra strap, and between her breasts, Gaynier said — all in front of other passen-

"I was almost in tears. said. "I've never been so humiliated in my life. It's one of the worst experiences I've ever had to en-

The patdown before that mid-October flight was the result of a new government directive that airport screeners carry out more frequent, and more thorough, searches for explo-

But women across the nation say the patdowns go too far. Some are so angry that they have stopped flying altogether.

The new policy was implemented by the Transportation Security Administration on S 22, after 90 people were killed in two plane crashes in Russia beed to have been caused by Chechen women who carried evplosives on board.

Sommer Gentry, a Massachu-setts Institute of Technology graduate student who commutes

twice a month from her home in Baltimore, said she now takes Amtrak, rather than submit her-self to the intrusive airport Gentry said she has had sever-

al upsetting encounters with the

screeners.
"I will go to great lengths to avoid flying now, because pat-downs make me feel dirty and ashamed," she said. "It just gets

worse every time."
The new TSA rules say screeners can select passengers for patdowns based on "visual observations," even if they do not set off metal detectors. Passengers can ask to be checked in private and by a screener of their same gender and that screeners must only use the backs of their hands when touching sensitive places.

But legal groups who are mon-itoring the women's complaints say those rules are not always followed

"What these women are complaining about is being groped," said Barry Steinhardt, director of the American Civil Liberties Union's technology and liberty project, which is tracking the complaints and hopes to meet with the TSA soon.

Von Walter said the TSA had

received about 250 complaints since the new procedures went into effect in September. She said each is being investigated, and "we will take appropriate action as necessary." She did not provide a gender break-down for the complaints.

Priest gets prison time for rape

years in prison after he admitted repeatedly raping an altar boy at a Waltham parish in the 1980s The Rev. Robert Gale, 63, pleaded guilty to four

counts of raping a child, just as jury selection was set to begin for his trial Tuesday. He was sentenced Wednesday. The sexual assaults took place at St. Jude's parish

in Waltham between 1980 and 1985, when the victim was between 10 and 15 years old. Prosecutors said the boy was sexually abused by Gale about twice a month.

The victim, now 34, told Gale he'd been tortured by his sexual abuse.

"The scars of the abuse will continue to haunt me," the man said. "My life has been permanently scarred."

The victim first told a friend about the abuse in 1995, and went to authorities in 2002. Gale was indicted in August 2002

His father said all three of his sons were altar boys at St. Jude's Gale apologized and asked for for-

FBI conducts Israel spy probe

WASHINGTON - FBI agents searched files and CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — A Catholic priest from New Hampshire has been sentenced to 4½ to 5 served subpoenas at the offices of the major pro-Israel lobbying organization as part of an investigation into whether Israel improperly obtained classified IIS information on Iran

The search Wednesday at the offices of the Ameri-can Israel Public Affairs Committee was disclosed in a statement by the organization, which repeated it is cooperating "in order to get these false and base less allegations put to rest fully and swiftly."

"As we have said from the beginning, AIPAC has

done nothing wrong," the statement said.

The FBI previously searched AIPAC's offices on

Agents also have interviewed two AIPAC employees about whether a Defense Department analyst, Larry Franklin, gave them classified information ould up with Israel. Franklin has not comment-

ed on the probe and has not been charged.

The Israeli government has denied spying on the United States, saying that meetings between U.S. and Israeli officials are common and that the two countries share many secrets. Iran, particularly any assessments of its nuclear ambitions, is of critical importance to Israel's security interests.

From The Associated Press

White House all decked out for Christmas



First lady Laura Bush poses in front of a gingerbread house as she gives a tour of the White House Christmas decorations on Thursday.

UMC minister convicted for her gay relationship

The Associated Press

PUGHTOWN, Pa. — A jury made up of United Methodist Church clergy convicted a lesbi-an minister Thursday of violating church law by openly living with her partner in a committed relationship.

The Rev. Irene Elizabeth Stroud could be defrocked as a result of the ruling, which came on the sec-ond day of her church trial.

The same 13-member jury was set to meet Thursday afternoon to decide her penalty.

Methodist

"self-avowed, practicing homosexuals" from ministry. Nine votes were necessary for a conviction and the jury voted 12-1 to find Stroud guilty.

The last time the 8.3 million-member denomination convicted an openly gay cleric was in 1987, when a New Hampshire church court defrocked the Rev. Rose Mary Denman.

Last March, a Methodist court in Washington state acquitted the Rev. Karen Dammann, who lives with a same-sex partner, citing an ambiguity in church law that the Methodist supreme court has since eliminated.

Before the jury returned, Stroud, 34, told reporters that whatever the verdict, "this case has shown how divided we are" over the role of gays in the church. She expected to be convicted

Stroud, associate pastor at Philadelphia's First United Methodist



The Rev. Irene Elizabeth Stroud is hugged by Rev. J. Dennis Williams, following the reading of a guilty verdict Thursday at her trial in Pughtown, Pa.

Church of Germantown set the case in motion last year when she announced to her bishop and congregation that she was living in a committed relationship with her partner, Chris Paige.

At her trial, Stroud's defense was dealt a blow when presiding judge Joseph Yeakel, the retired bishop of Washington, D.C., excluded expert testimony from six defense witnesses who believe the church's gay clergy ban violates its own legal principles.

church, the Rev. Alfred Day III, attempted to raise a similar issue when he took the stand, saying "I believe that even the testimony of Scripture is far from clear on this subject.

"We have more muddle than clarity." he said. But the prosecuting attorney, the Rev. Thomas Hall of Exton, Pa., asked Yeakel to strike Day's statement and the judge instructed the jury that "constitutional issues are not before this court.'

Stroud's defense counsel, the Rev. J. Dennis Williams, said in closing arguments that "the heart of the issue is whether all United Methodists, regardless of status. are to be afforded equal rights and equal opportunities.'

But Hall told jurors they had a duty to "hold a good pastor accountable to the standard with which we all live" under the Methodist Book of Discipline

The basic facts in the case were ever in dispute, since Stroud

had declared she was gay. The only two defense witnesses to be called were Day and the senior pastor who supervised her in Westchester, Pa. Both lavishly praised her performance in preaching, teaching and pastoral

Stroud's supportive Philadelphia congregation has already agreed that she can continue doing her work as a lay employee without clergy status. However, she will be unable to celebrate baptism or Communion

Frist's campaign fund can't cover loan after stock losses

The Associated Press

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist's campaign committee lost more than \$500,000 in the stock market since the 2000 election and could not cover a bank loan that came due in August, records

Campaign treasurer Linus Cat-ignani said U.S. Bank "rolled over" the \$360,000 loan and the money is now due in 2007. U.S Bank spokesman Steve Dale said the company does not comment on individual loans.

The committee had paid off about \$10,000 as of Sept. 30, according to its federal campaign fil-

It had \$362,000 at the beginning of July, enough to pay off the loan, but lost \$32,057, or 8.8 percent in the stock market in July and August, the records showed.

By the end of September, after paying other expenses, the cam-paign had \$312.807, the Chattanooga Times Free Press reported this week after reviewing the

Altogether, the committee lost more than \$524,000 on stocks November 2000, the

records showed

A Nashville office of U.S. Bank made the loan with a 4 percent interest rate in August 2001. Catignani told The Washington Post that the campaign committee took out the loan to pay various political expenses so it would not

have to cash out its stock hold-



ings Melanie Sloan, execu-

for Responsibility and Ethics Washington, D.C., questioned whether the bank provided special privileg-

es to Frist. "Are the policies U.S. Bank used to extend his loan the same as what is offered to members of

the public?" she said. A Federal Election Commission audit approved in September found accounting mistakes and inadequate disclosure in reporting from Frist's political action committee during 2002.

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Brokaw takes final bow as NBC News anchor

By Frazier Moore The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Tom Brokaw began with a report on U.S. troops in Iraq. He ended

the broadcast by saying farewell. After nearly 23 years in the "NBC Night-ly News" anchor chair, Brokaw reminded his viewers that "we've been through a lot together, through dark days and nights,

and seasons of hope and joy "Whatever the story, I had only one objective: to get it right," he said Wednesday, declaring in a slightly quavering voice how he was "always mindful that your patience and attention didn't come with a lifetime warranty.

Brokaw, 64, is leaving "Nightly News" and daily journalism to pursue other interests, including more time on his Montana

But he will still con-tribute to NBC News, doing at least three documentaries

While Brokaw was saying his good-byes,

Peter Jennings was praising him on ABC as "a competitor in the best sense, which in our trade means when he beats us on a



Brokaw

"Welcome to the neighborhood."

Williams, long groomed as Brokaw's suc-cessor, takes over "Nightly News." He begins at the top of the ratings, where "Nightly News" has reigned since 1997. Unveiled more than two years ago, the NBC transition plan was briefly upstaged last week by the surprise announcement that Rather would be departing "The CBS Evening News" anchor chair in March, after 24

story, it is usually the result of enterprise.

On his CBS newscast, Dan Rather said,

'For more than 30 years, I have known

Tom as friend and competitor who has

earned the respect of his audience, and his

Then to Brian Williams, Rather added,

colleagues, myself included.

vears. No successor to the 73-year-old Rather, who will report full-time for "60 Minutes," has yet been named. Those changes, after two decades of stability, will leave only Jennings among the

old-timers. Brokaw, a South Dakota native who joined NBC in 1966, was White House correspondent from 1973 to 1976, encompassing the Watergate years. He anchored

'Today" from 1976 to 1981. He began his "Nightly News" run in April 1982, sharing the anchor title with Roger Mudd. Then in September 1983, he emerged as solo anchor — just days after Jennings began soloing on ABC's "World Jennings began soloing on ABC's News Tonight."

Congressman: Abstinence programs are misleading

BY MARK SHERMAN

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Rep. Henry Waxman says federally funded ab stinence education programs that are used in 25 states contain false and misleading information about contraception, abortion and sexu-

ally transmitted diseases A report Wednesday from the California Democrat said 11 of the 13 most widely used programs underestimate the effectiveness of condoms in preventing pregnancy and the spread of disease, exaggerate the prevalence of emotional and physical distress following abortion, blur science and religion or get fundamental scientific facts wrong.

Alma Golden, deputy assistant Health and Human Services Secretary for population affairs, said the Waxman report took statements out of context to present the programs in the worst possible light.

"These issues have been raised before and discredited," Golden said

abstinence which have been embraced by President Bush, will receive \$170 million in the current government spending year, more than double what the government was spending when Bush took office in 2001. The abstinence curriculum may not include instruction in contraceptive use as a condition of federal funding.

Waxman said, "It is absolutely vital that the health education provided to America's youth be scientifically and medically accurate. The abstinence-only programs reviewed in this report fail to meet this standard.'

For example, A.C. Green's Game Plan — named for the pro-Green's fessional basketball player who he was married - raises question about whether condoms can stop the spread of sexually transmitted ases, Waxman's report said.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other researchers have found that consistent and correct condom use does protect against transmissions of many STDs, the report said.

In another instance, the Why kNOw curriculum asserts "twenty-four chromosomes from the momer and twenty-four chromo-somes from the father join to cre-ate this new individual," the re-port said. The correct number is 23 each.

N.M. tea ruling stayed

WASHINGTON - The Bush administration on Wednesday won a Supreme Court stay that blocks a New Mexico church from using hallucinogenic tea that the government contends is illegal and potentially dangerous.

riegal and potentially dangerous.

The government has been in a long-running legal fight with the Brazil-based O Centro Espirita Beneficiente Uniao do Vegetal over hoasca tea, brewed from plants found in the Amazon River Rasin

Justice Stephen Brever, acting on behalf of the full court, grant ed a temporary stay to give both sides time to file more arguments with the court.

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Death of rare bird leaves species' future uncertain

A no'ouli, one of three, has

died, leaving survival of the rare

The Associated Press

HONOLULU - One of Earth's rarest birds might have gone into extinction following the death of one of the last known po'ouli.

The aging male po'ouli died in captivity Friday the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said Tuesday. It had recently contracted avian mabut the laria. cause of won't be known until tests from the necropsy

are completed. The remaining two po'ouli, believed to be a male a female.

haven't been seen for nearly a year. They might also have died, moved to another area or have just been missed by wildlife officiale

"This species was a unique part of Earth's history," said Eric VanderWerf, the Fish and Wildlife Service's Hawaiian bird recov-ery coordinator. "We'll never have another one like it if it disappears. I kind of liken it in someway to the loss of the Mona Lisa or the Sistine Chapel. If we lost that, we could never get it back.'

The rare Hawaiian honeycreener had been kept at the Maui Bird Conservation Center in Olinda since it was captured for breeding on Sept. 9. Biologists failed to cap ture a mate for the aging bird,

which was found in the Hanawi Natural Area Reserve.

The state, the Fish and Wildlife Service and the Zoological Society of San Diego, which operates the Maui conservation center, began a search Tuesday to find the remaining two po'ouli in the remote rainforests

Mani small. The stocky, brown bird with a partial black face scribed as a bandit's mask was discovered in 1973

by a group of University of Hawaii students conducting research on the east slope of

Haleakala volca-

Hawaiian species uncertain no. It is so unique that it has its own genus, and is the only Hawaiian forest bird to rely heavily on native tree snails for food.

> Tissue samples from the dead bird were saved for cryogenic preservation for possible cloning in the future

> "Someday, when technology catches up with our fantasies, we may be able to resurrect the no'ouli because we saved these cells." Lieberman said.

The po'ouli's numbers have dwindled because of habitat loss and introduced predators like rats, cats and mongoose. Nonnative diseases carried by mosquitos have also taken a toll on the Hawaiian birds.



An inflatable SpongeBob SquarePants figure sits on top of a Burger King in Portsmouth, Va., Tuesday. Inflatable versions of the animated movie and TV star are mysteriously disappearing from the roofs of

Thieves soak in the glory of stealing a SpongeBob

BY ARTHUR SANTANA The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - SpongeBob SquarePants wasn't doing anyone any harm.

A six-foot blow-up version of the Nickelodeon cartoon character had been perched on the roof of a Burger King in St. Mary's County, Md., for three days, his skinny legs dangling over the edge, his fists triumphantly in the air, smiling that goofy grin of his.

his animated feature film, "Th SpongeBob SquarePants Movie and maybe sell a few watches and kid's meals

Then along came Steven Simon and his buddy Conrad "C. J." Mercure Jr., both 18, with no car and no clue what to do with themselves in the early hours of Nov.

Mercure said he wondered aloud, "Hey, what if we were to steal that SpongeBob on top of the Burger King?" Seeking to do what others said couldn't be done, he and Simon set out to kidnan the giant cartoon sponge.
"We were like, 'That's gotta be

a first — stealing a giant Sponge-Bob off of the top of Burger King," Simon said.

Actually, it's not. Burger King officials say steal-ing the inflatables from atop restaurants in the middle of the night has become something of a nationwide trend. Similar thefts have been reported in 10 states, they say. "And the number is going up every day," said a Burger King spokesman in New York

Some of them are returned, but some have turned up on eBay. selling for up to \$1,000. In one case, after a SpongeBob was stolen from atop of Burger King in Little Falls, Minn., workers found a ransom note: "We have Sponge-Bob. Give us 10 crabby patties, fries, and milkshakes.

The SpongeBob inflatables started going up Nov. 11 across the country, according to Burger King, which said just over 4. inflatables were ordered by franchise owners

Simon said he went with Mercure to the Burger King in Lexing-ton Park about 2 a.m. Nov. 19. He said they went to the restaurant's dumpster area and used a trash can and several pallets to get to

Then it was just a matter of un-

plugging SpongeBob's air valve. "We flipped him down on his back so no one could see him deflating," Simon said, adding that he and Mercure cut the ropes that held down the inflatable. He said

hour. "I was sitting there smoking a cigarette most of the time," he said. "When we got down, we were like, 'Yeah!' "

For their getaway, Mercure and Simon did what any other person who had just stolen an inflatable cartoon character from atop a Burger King would do: They called a cab.

Even police laughed about it. They had to pay for three fares, not just two," said Cpl. John Shoe-

maker of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office. Soon, Mercure and Simon -

along with a bundled-up Sponge-Bob — were on their way to Mer-cure's apartment in Lexington Park. "After we got it, we gave it to a friend's sister, and she gave it to her howfriend for his hirth-

day," Simon said.
Bill Cocimano, general manager of the Burger King, said he was out that his SpongeBob was sto

He said that the next day, an employee said "somebody is running his mouth at Great Mills High School that he has Sponge-Bob in his bedroom. I told them, 'You get me a name, I'll give you 20 bucks.

He said he soon turned over Mercure's name to police.

Within three hours, police had SpongeBob, Cocimano said.

Cocimano said that when he tried to restore SpongeBob to his perch Friday, the inflatable was too badly damaged to hold the air. Simon and Mercure were arrested Friday and charged with misdemeanor theft of goods worth less than \$500 and released

pending a court appearance Dec. 15, authorities said.

Although the offense is punishable by up to 18 months in jail and

a \$500 fine, Simon and Mercure said they're proud of their achievement. "Once we got caught by the po

lice, we were like, now we can tell everybody," Simon said. Said Mercure: "It was a fun ex-

perience. I'm loving the atten-



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America's HIV infection rate holds steady

BY DANIEL YEE The Associated Press

ATLANTA - Despite the government's promise to "break the back" of the AIDS epidemic by 2005, about 40,000 Americans test positive for the HIV infection every year - the same number

as a decade ago. The figure is double the annual goal of 20,000 new HIV cases laid out by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention nearly four years ago. Nearly a million people in the United States now

have the AIDS virus. "We have a ways to go before we reach the mark of reducing new infections by half in the United States," said Dr. Ronald Valdiserri, who heads the CDC's HIV and AIDS prevention program.

Still. Valdiserri described the HIV infection rate as "relatively stable." CDC released the new data Wednesday as part of the federal health agency's commemoration of World AIDS Day.

In 2001, the CDC's campaign focused on outwardly healthy people who did not realize they had HIV — about a fourth of those infected. Officials then said targeting them was key, because if they knew they were infected, they would be more likely to take steps not to spread the virus.

Such an effort "could possibly break the back of the epidemic in the United States," the CDC's Dr. Robert Janssen said then

But the agency found that just targeting people who didn't know they had the AIDS virus was not enough. So last year, the CDC shifted gears, focusing on counseling those who knew they had HIV in an attempt to get them not to spread the virus

Some advocacy groups say that effort fails to focus on drug users. or very sexually active young

One AIDS expert said it's diffi-cult for health officials to mea-

infections there are each year.

"Forty thousand is an estimate that is averaged over time. The changes can't be tracked easily from year to year," said Dr. James Curran, dean of Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health and the CDC's former AIDS chief during the epidemic's peak in the 1980s.

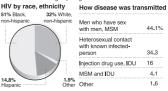
Valdiserri said the CDC is working on how to accurately determine how many people are infected with HIV each year but the system is still under development. Despite that, more attention needs to be paid to AIDS, Curran said.

"What has concerned many of us in the United States is the lack of attention to the domestic AIDS problem and complacency on behalf of high-risk groups," Curran said, adding that more counseling, testing and education is need-

ed in the country to prevent HIV. The CDC believes up to

HIV/AIDS continues to afflict races differently

From 2000 to 2003, new cases of HIV/AIDS were diagnosed in 125,800 persons who resided in the 32 states surveyed. Although blacks constitute 13 percent of that population, they accounted for more than half of the group diagnosed.



States surveyed: Ala., Alaska, Ariz., Ark., Colo.,Fla., Idaho, Ind., Iowa, Kan., La., Mich., Minn.,Miss., Mo., Neb., Nev., N.J., N.M., N.C., N.D., Ohio, Okla., S.C., S.D., Tenn., Texas, Utah, Va., Wa., Wis., Wyo.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

950,000 people in the United up to 280,000 of them don't know States are infected with HIV and it, Valdiserri said.

400-year-old skull piece reveals surgery, autopsy

The Associated Press

NORFOLK, Va. - A skull fragment found in a 400-year-old trash pit at Jamestown contains evidence of the earliest known surgery - and autopsy - in the English colonies in America, researchers say

Circular cut marks indicate someone attempted to drill two holes in the skull to relieve pressure on the brain, the researchers said. The patient, a European man, died and was apparently au-

Archaeologists found 4-inch-by-43/4-inch fragment this summer while digging in a bulwark trench on the site of James Fort. Jamestown, the first permanent English settlement in North America, was founded in 1607 as a business venture.

The skull piece was discarded with trash, such as pottery shards, from no later than about 1610, said Bly Straube, senior curator of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities.

Douglas W. Owsley, forensic osteologist at the National Museum of Natural History at the Smithsonian Institution, and Ashley H. McKeown, forensic anthropologist at the University of Montana, determined that the fragment was part of the occipital bone from the back of the skull

Owsley thinks the man was hit in the back of the head with a stone ax and suffered a fractured skull. That would suggest the blow came from an Indian, Straube said. But Straube said it is also possible the man simply tripped and fell and hit his head

Researchers know the fragment came from a European man because of its shape and thickness and because it contained traces of lead, Straube said. Eating and drinking from lead-glazed pottery or pewter was a common practice in Eu-

rope.
The surgeon tried to drill two holes in the skull using a device known as a trepan tool that would remove a plug of bone, Straube said. It looks like the surgeon made two attempts at one spot and then moved to a second spot Straube said.

In the Jamestown case, the procedure was not completed, probably because the patient died. Saw marks on the top edge of the bone indicate an autopsy was performed, the researchers said

Skull evidence of earliest surgery

A piece of skull found in a 400vear-old trash pit in Jamestown. Va., this summer contained evidence of the earliest known



Surgery - A surgeon attempted to drill holes to relieve pressure caused by a fracture made by a



Autopsy - Saw marks indicate that an autopsy was done after the patient's death, which probably occurred during surgery

Feds recommend more safety testing for female libido drug

BY DIEDTRA HENDERSON The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - A hormone patch that works to restore a woman's sex drive should not be approved until additional studies to determine its risk, federal health advisers said Thursday.

The advisers said they were unimpressed with the number of women studied so far as well as the length of the studies.

Procter & Gamble hopes to market the testosterone patch Intrinsa to women whose ovaries have been removed and who have lost their libido. The company told the Food and Drug Administration advisory committee that the drug had not raised safety concerns in clini-cal trials, and it urged the panel not to delay approval of the first drug for female sexual dysfunc

However, the advisory committee was unanimous in saying more safety data were needed. The company told the panel

that women who tried the patch in clinical trials had improvements in sexual arousal and or gasms and had more satisfying sexual experiences

FDA staff members, however said benefits were modest and accompanied by concerns about health risks involving testoster-

Agency officials noted a lack controlled safety data for women who had used Intrinsa longer than six months.

The nanel heard testimony that three of four women who de veloped breast cancer during the clinical trials were using In-

Lisa Soule, a medical officer in FDA's division of reproductive and urological drugs, said those breast cancer cases pointshort-term clinical trials. Soule dismissed as inadequate Procter & Gamble's suggested postmarketing study comparing 5,500 women expected to use Intrinsa in the first year against a database of 10 million patients for rates of can-

ed to the limitations of

cer and cardiovascular disease. A federally funded research project, by contrast, had to enroll nearly 17,000 postmenopausal women to begin to detect the safety problems with hormonal therapy, Soule said.

"It is not uncommon to have unanswered safety questions at approval," said Joan Meyer, senior director of new drug development for Procter & Gamble.

Meyer told the panel the company will soon have more safety data adding information for nearly 200 women who have used the patch for one year.

The company will also pro-vide safety data on 100 more women who have used the patch for 18 months. Eighty women have been using the product for three years.

The federal advisers' recommendations will go to the FDA, which is not bound by the recommendation but usually follows it.

Although the drug is some times referred to as a female Viagra, it actually works differently from the drug for male sexual dysfunction. Viagra works to enhance a man's ability to have sex; Intrinsa increases a woman's desire for it. Removal of ovaries can cause

women's testosterone levels to drop by 50 percent. Clinical trials showed that

women using Intrinsa had modest improvements to their sex lives. Women who applied the patch to their abdomens twice weekly had one more "satisfying sexual event" per four weeks. compared with a placebo.

Dental plaque linked to pneumonia in elderly said the findings "indicate that Institutionalized and critically The Associated Press

RUFFALO N V - Better oral hygiene, including good regular toothbrushing, may lessen nursing home residents' chances of developing pneumonia, according to a study that traced germs from dental plaque to the lungs of patients with the potentially fatal ill-

Dr. Ali El-Solh, lead author of the study published in the November issue of the journal Chest, dental plaque is a reservoir of res-piratory pathogens" that can be inhaled into the lungs and lead to pneumonia. The University at Buffalo re-

searcher stopped short of saving that brushing or rinsing patients teeth or dentures is enough to destroy the germs and prevent pneumonia, citing the need for more research. But the study makes a strong case for improving dental care for nursing home residents, he and others said.

ill elderly people, who are often frail with weakened immune systems, are particularly susceptible to pneumonia, and poor dental hygiene has been suspect for several years.

"They tend to have no oral hygiene at all so there's a lot of bacteria growing in the front part of the respiratory tract, the mouth,' said Dr. Jack Caton, past presi dent of the American Academy of Periodontology.

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Officials eye Knight in awards melee

Police and probation officials have been reviewing video of the melee at the Vibe Awards show to determine if Marion "Suge" Knight played a role in the altercation. The rap producer has denied any involvement in the incident in which a man struck Dr. Dre twice, sparking a

brawl in which the attacker was stabbed and seriously injured.

Dre, who real name is **Andre Young**, met with authori-

ties Monday at the Santa Monica police station and demanded that his attacker, Jimmy "James" Johnson, be charged with assault and battery. Videotape shows Johnson punching Dre on Nov. 16 at the second annual awards show. Johnson was then

where the second annual awards show. Johnson was then stabbed, allegedly by Young Buck, a rapper who is a protege of Dr. Dre. Young Buck, whose real name is David Darnell Brown,

surrendered Nov. 19 to authorities and is scheduled to be arraigned Dec. 20.

The force is with Cal State Long Beach

"Star Wars" creator George Lucas donated \$100,000 to California State University, Long Beach, for film department scholarships and equipment.

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Lucas donated the money at the request of the Department of Film and Electronic Arts. Although Lucas attend-

ed the University of Southern California, director Steven Spielberg, his close friend, went to Cal State Long

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Beach.

The university needed the money
to fix or repair equipment damaged
by an October storm. A satellite dish
on the department's building fell
through the roof during the storm, allowing water to seep into the building.

The department may not have

Lucas been able to restore damaged cameras, projectors and videotape machines without the Lucas donation, department chair Craig Smith said recently.

The university's two-year undergraduate film program is popular among aspiring filmmakers. Alumni include John Dykstra, who won an Oscar for visual effects for "Star Wars"; David Twohy, who wrote and directed "Pitch Black" and "The Chronicles of Riddick"; and Mark Steven Johnson, writer and director of "Daredev-

Prince Harry's knee injury bothersome

Prince Harry will delay his entry into Britain's prestigious military academy to allow him to fully recover from a knee injury, royal officials said. Harry had been due to enroll at the Royal Military

Academy Sandhurst in January. But the office of his father, Prince Charles, said Tuesday that Harry wouldn't start until May.

The 20-year-old, who is third in line to the throne, injured his knee several months ago while he was training with the army before his entry test for Sandhurst.

His knee has continued to trouble him in recent months and the injury sidelined him from playing polo during a stay at a polo farm in Argentina

Harry ing a stay at a polo farm in Argentina this month.

Tuesday's statement said Harry ted to make sure he was 100 percent prepared for his

wanted to make sure he was 100 percent prepared for his entry to the academy, where students face a grueling schedule in their first weeks.

Nanny sues Imus, his wife and networks

A former nanny who worked for **Don Imus** has sued the radio and television personality, claiming he wrongfully fired her, chased her off his New Mexico ranch in the middle of the night, and then trashed her on his radio

Nichole C. Mallette, 24, says in court papers that Imus apparently became upset about a small knife that she carried in a sheath on her belt, and about a cap pistol she had brought to the ranch for his 6-year-old son.

She says the boy had told her he had permission to play with cap guns at the ranch but the lawsuit, filed Monday, says she never gave the cap pistol to the boy.

Mallette is seeking unspecified damages, saying she was wrongfully terminated, defamed and subjected to intentional emotional distress. Her lawsuit names Imus, his wife, NBC, MSNBC and Westwood One.

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Charles Shaughnessy actor who played Maxwell Sheffield on "The Nanny"



That unmistakable whine is back! Fran Drescher, center, hosts a reunion of the cast from her sitcom "The Nanny" at her seaside Malibu. Calif., home.

A nosh to remember

Fran Drescher throws reunion party for cast of 'The Nanny'

BY BRIDGET BYRNE The Associated Press

MALIBU, Calif. — Fran Drescher's distinctive voice cuts through the noisy chaos of actors and production people crowding the deck of her beachfront home.

"Hi, everyone. How you doing?"

The star, known for her nasally whine, Yiddish exclamations, and ability to make a word like "wow" last as long as a sentence, was hosting a reunion of the cast from "The

The gathering was staged as a dinner party where the leading lady and her co-stars reminisced. Their semi-scripted chatter was then intercut with clips from the series, which ran on CBS from 1993 to '99.

The result: "The Nanny Reunion: A Nosh to Remember" airing Monday in the States on cable TV's Lifetime, which shows weekday reruns of the sitcom.

At first, Drescher was reluctant to do a reunion special about Fran Fine, the middle-class girl from Queens who stumbles into a job taking care of a rich man's kids. "Much as I love the show — I TiVo reruns so I can watch

it whenever I want — I was feeling like I need to grow as an artist and let the audience see me doing other things," Drescher says. In a case of classic Hollywood deal making, a compro-

in a case of classic Honywood deal making, a compromise was struck: To get Drescher to agree, Lifetime offered her the chance to direct and appear on "Strong Medicine."

The episode she directed aired in September, and the guest shot came on the medical drama's 100th episode in October. She played a uterine cancer patient who sues an insurance company for not including basic tests in their policies.

(The 47-year-old Drescher, who survived the same kind of cancer, is a vocal advocate for women's health care and wrote the best sellers "Cancer Schmancer" and "Enter Whining.") So was the use and disruption of Drescher's home also in the reunion deal? Seems it was more about correctness than career.

"I stuck my foot in my mouth and said, 'Wait a minute.

Why don't we do it at my house?" never thinking it was going to be such an enormous undertaking." Drescher says. "But I'm an overachiever and if I was going to do this reunion show, it was very important to me that it be done correctly. That means being inventive, being original, making it better than the regular runo-6-the-mill ones, having it be funnier."

She co-opted ex-husband Peter Jacobson, with whom

she created the series, to direct. The lavish food was prepared by one of Wolfgang Puck's restaurants. The one thing she couldn't arrange was the weather, which lacked the sunset-over-the-sea that had been hoped for.

the sunser-over-the-sea that had been hoped for.

The cast members who attended included everyone but
Daniel Davis (the butler) who was working out of town.

Drescher's parents, Morty and Sylvia Drescher, were there, her mother being a look-alike for Renee Taylor, who played Fine's mother, Sylvia.

played rine's motner, Syivia.

The series included many familial incidents drawn from Drescher's real upbringing. "I tapped into a simpler time in my life surrounded by all the rich and wonderful charac-

ters I grew up with," says Drescher.

She describes Fine as "fun, funny, immature and sexy.
Her life was much less complicated than mine and I really
liked being in her skin everyday."

Charles Shaughnessy, who played Fine's boss and love interest, Maxwell Sheffield, says the series was a "blend of great slapstic. Fran is a wonderful physical comedian and obviously had studied Lucille Ball a lot — but it was also a very sweet, romantic comedy, and a fish-out-of-water story."

Drescher is getting back into sitcoms next year in a WB series currently titled "Shacking Up." She describes her character as "a sexy divorcee who's living with a man much, much younger — closer to her son's age."

But moving from Fran Fine in "The Nanny" to Fran Reeves in the new sitcom won't mean leaving behind the essentials that made Drescher famous.

"It's always more or less that larger-than-life persona. They wrap it in another story, but the audience kind of accepts it, because it's really me," she says, laughing, well, just like Fran.

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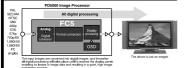
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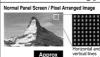
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Foot-weary can do shopping at online malls

BY LESLIE WALKER The Washington Post

Face it, shopaholics - the Internet drains much of the fun out of holiday shopping and replaces it with ice-cold efficiency Who wouldn't rather stroll through Neiman Marcus or Best Buy with their best buddy than sit solo in front of a computer, eyeballing page after page of tiny pictures showing what you could reach out and touch at real malls? Busy, savvy people, that's who. They realize the In-ternet magnifies shopping prowess, helping them discover and buy gifts they might never run across if they relied solely on their feet and telephone - and in a small fraction of the time it takes to shop the traditional way

This seems to be more true each year as Internet retailers figure out what online shoppers really want and add features to help, such as top-10 lists of hot sellers, gift picks by category, product ratings and reviews. and filters that let shoppers sort products by price, ingredients, colors and other factors.

I tested many Internet shopping time-savers and gift-idea generators to prepare this online holiday shopping guide. I was surprised at how much easier it is to find and order unusual, foreign, cheap or luxury products online today than it was three or four years ago

In no time, I stumbled across a \$15 pair of Cozi moccasin slippers my sister might like as a stocking stuffer at Zappos.com, a vast Web shoe store. Those I found by drilling down to the women's slippers page and clicking on the "popularity" button; up popped the fleece-lined Cozis as the top seller.

Another gift idea I found might appeal to my teen-age nephew a one-year subscription to Game-Fly.com, which provides video game rentals the same way Netflix rents movies, by mail. The site lets subscribers keep one game at a time for \$14 a month or two for \$22.

For my stepmother, I eye balled trendy leather bags at LushBags.com, wondering if she'd like the \$229 multicolor Speedy carryall co-created by Louis Vuitton and Japanese pop artist Takashi Murakami

I resisted the bag, though, along with the temptation to send my embittered Democratic pals "W 2004" square buttons available at a discount (for \$1.75) from the George W. Bush (www.georgewbushstore com)

Equally tempting and equally resistible was the urge to send Republican pals a \$3 "The Right Choice for America" button from the Kerrygear (www.kerrvgear.com) site.

Other finds were the \$30 print of the Redskins stadium score

Buying Online

The most-popular Web retailers in October.

Company		Millions of visitors
eBay		60,33
Amazon		37.49
Wal-Mart		19.05
Dell		12.94
Target		12.86
Overstock.com		12,29
Hewlett-Packard		10.16
Apple Computer		10.14
Best Buy		8.18
Sears		7.64
J.C. Penney		7.47
	such as Yahoo Shopping;	services, such as wireless carrier sites;

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Even more fun were framed, \$60 caricature prints you can create of loved ones from any photo upload at Personalcreations.com. You could get fancier with the same idea at Photowow.com, which will create pop art from any photo starting at

I had fun with eBay's new "hol-

iday gift wizard," which locates gifts for sale on the auction super site ranging from popular gadgets to memorabilia about someone's hometown, namesake or hero. You tell the wizard if your recipient is a man, woman. oy or girl; pick from 10 descriptive categories such as collector, sports fan or gadget guru; then answer one of four questions that pop up, and it will return an illustrated list of items for sale

on eBay.

For my father I chose the "impossible to shop for" category, then answered a question about his last name and wound up chuckling at many of the 7.014 items with "Walker" in their auction titles, including various "Walker, Texas Ranger" items I am still mulling over since he has roots in Tevas

I was intrigued, too, when I searched on behalf of my best friend, another "impossible to shop for" person. I answered the question about her hometown rather than last name, and up came 551 items about Washington, D.C., including a signed photo of Mayor Anthony A. Williams, an antique milk bottle from Fairfax Farms on First Street NW, and many original antique

The auction site also offers a list of 67 new products being sold only on eBay through Dec. (www.ebay.com/exclusives), such as a limited edition "aqua pet" named Kazu that floats in a small water chamber and is billed as an "interactive" com-

I still find Internet shopping overwhelming and less fun that window-shopping with friends, but it's hard to ignore the ability to get so much accomplished so quickly - without the hassle of standing in holiday cash register

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

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EXCHANGE RATES

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Canada (Dollar)1.18
Denmark (Krone)5.58
Egypt (Pound)6.21
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3-month bill2.2
30-year bond5.0
Sources: The Associated Press, Bank of

ents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

Bill-paying personalities

CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK - Although everyone has to pay bills, most people don't approach the task in the same way.

When it comes to paying bills, Americans fall into one of six personality types, reports Lieberman Research Group. Which are you?

E-savvv planner: You are most excited by new technology products and services for finan cial management. When it comes to money management, you're more willing to spend money on software and other tools that will help you be more

Convenience seeker: You don't want to spend a lot of time and effort paying bills. You look for the "quick and easy" way to money management.

You prefer to pay all your bills from one place - usually your bank's Web site, where you can also track and control your

Self-improver: You find financial management to be stressful and time-consuming, so you actively seek out help to manage your finances.

You're most likely to look for an organizational system that will help you make a budget and pay down debt.

Maximizer: You actively manage your money to get the most whether you're aiming for a lower interest rate, better credit score or more frequent-flier miles. You may pay bills online, and pay them early, to optimize cash flow.

Desperate avoider: You're most likely to be overwhelmed by financial planning and debts. One of your key behaviors is avoiding opening (and paying)

Paper pusher: You prefer to handle the entirety of your bill paying on paper, rather than take the security risks of making banking transactions on the In-

SATURDAY EVENING / DECEMBER 4 2004

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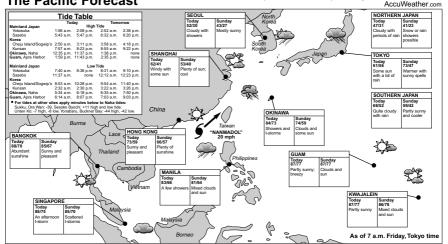
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Extended Forecasts

Monday: Partly sunny, high 52, low 39. Tuesday: Partly sunny, high 54 low 47

KADENA

Monday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 70, low 63. Tuesday: Partly sunny high 73, low 64.

SEOUL

Monday: Partly sunny, high 43, low 23. Tuesday: Partly sunny, high 40, low 23

MANILA

Monday: Thundershowers, high 81, low 66. Tuesday: Mostly cloudy, high 83, low 66.

HAGATNA

Monday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 86, low 77. Tuesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine high 87, low 78.

Thursday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/I OW	CITY	HIGH/I OW
	44/22		65/43
Albuquerque Amarillo	46/24	Los Angeles Little Rock	
			61/32
Anchorage	36/24	Louisville	52/32
Asheville	58/29	Miami	82/65
Baltimore	52/33	Milwaukee	40/25
Birmingham	59/32	Nashville	56/32
Bismarck	40/27	New York	50/38
Boise	36/23	Omaha	43/26
Boston	50/34	Orlando	77/54
Brownsville	75/58	Philadelphia	53/34
Buffalo	41/30	Phoenix	65/40
Burlington	38/23	Pittsburgh	42/30
Charleston, S	C 66/40	Portland, OR	46/32
Charlotte	59/32	Portland, ME	47/27
Cleveland	42/30	Salt Lake City	30/17
Columbus, Oh	47/30	St. Louis	52/30
Duluth	22/12	San Antonio	66/42
El Paso	56/32	San Diego	65/44
Hartford	52/31	San Juan	85/72
Helena	42/24	Tampa	75/56
Indianapolis	45/28	Tulsa	53/29
Jacksonville	71/42	Washington	54/39
Kansas City	47/26	Wichita	46/27
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U.S. Extended Forecast

Rain and mountain snow will accompany a storm system that will push into the Pacific Northwest on Saturday. Clouds will limit sunshine across the Southwest as an upperlevel disturbance allows Pacific moisture to flow into the region. The combination of this moisture and a frontal boundary draped over Mexico will lead to a bit of rain moving through southern Texas. Another storm system will cause additional flurries to occur over the Great Lakes region, along with windy conditions. Dry weather will dominate the rest of the nation. Rain will push into the Southeast on Sunday, while the Pacific storm system triggers some snow over the Rockies and dampens the Southwest with rain showers.

Saturday's Pacific Temperatures

Saturday's World Temperatures

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CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY I	IIGH/LOW
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Beijing	48/28	Kadena AB	84/73	Sapporo	47/31	Athens	65/53	Buenos Aires	77/59	Kiev	37/30	New Delhi	80/50
Camp Casey	53/31	Kunsan AB	57/38	Seoul	52/30	Auckland	57/45	Cairo	77/55	Kuwait	69/45	Oslo	36/34
Christchurch	57/35	Kwajalein	87/77	Shanghai	62/41	Baghdad	67/45	Cancun	81/69	London	50/41	Paris	41/34
Diego Garcia	86/76	Manila	83/66	Singapore	88/75	Barbados	85/69	Cape Town	82/54	Madrid	49/34	Rio de Janeiro	75/68
Hagatna	87/77	Misawa AB	54/40	Sydney	73/57	Barcelona	47/36	Geneva	41/36	Mexico City	75/43	Rome	63/48
Hanoi	73/58	Osan	55/32	Taegu	58/38	Berlin	40/33	Istanbul	60/49	Montreal	29/29	St. Petersburg	24/23
Hong Kong	73/59	Perth	78/53	Taipei	79/57	Bermuda	68/55	Jerusalem	66/46	Mogadishu	89/72	Stockholm	37/32
Honolulu	84/71	Pusan	61/45	Tokyo	61/56	Brussels	42/33	Johannesbur	81/56	Moscow	22/16	Warsaw	38/30



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Disease concerns

NC CHARLOTTE Poor Rudolph won't
join in any reindeer games
in North Carolina this holiday season.

State wildlife officials worried about chronic-wasting disease — the deer-family equivalent of mad cow disease have banned the transportation of deer, elk, caribou and reindeer within the state.

within the state.

They have also blocked the import of the animals from other states in an effort prevent the spread of the disease to the wild

deer population.

That keeps deer farmers from moving the animals to Christmas parties, hayrides and other holiday events and is costing some of them thousands of dollars.

The rules are a reaction to a fatal disease that has infected deer in at least 12 states, devastating entire herds. The state Wildlife Commission approved temporary rules two years ago designed to stop the disease from being carried into North Carolina. The rules became permanent this summer.

Police drive Chevys?

BONNERS FERRY — She's not exactly the little old lady from Pasadena.

Nita Friedman, 66, led police on a puttering pursuit, driving at or under the speed limit for 15 miles through two counties.

The creeping chase on U.S. Highway 95 ended when three of Friedman's tries were blown out by a

Police chief Mike Hutter said Friedman reported being confused because she was being pulled over by a four-wheel-drive Chevy Silverado pickup with lights in the grill. He said Friedman told Hutter she was from New York, and that in New York police drive cars.

"She just doesn't understand that she was doing anything wrong," Hutter said.

The chase started in Bonner County after Hutter got reports of a reckless driver.

Hutter said when he flipped on his lights and siren, it looked as if Friedman was pulling over. But she allegedly got back on the roadway and sped up to legal speeds between 50 mph and 60 mph.

Though Friedman never sped during the chase and even stopped behind a left-turning vehicle in Elmira, Hutter said he asked State Police to put a spike strip in the roadway.

When Friedman reached the spike strip, about three miles into Boundary County, she drove over it, stopped for a moment and then started driving again. But three of her tires were flattened, preventing her from getting far.

Friedman was charged with eluding police and reckless driving.

She was jailed on \$600 bail.

Not feeling optimistic

PA QUAKERTOWN — It's a glum day for optimists.

After 24 years of community service, the Quakertown Optimists Club is calling it quits. They're holding their last meeting on



AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Thursday, citing declining interest.

"I feel sad," club president Bernard Kensky said.

Fewer club members were taking part in sporting and scholastic activities for children, and fewer kids were getting involved in club events, according to Kensky.

The group worked with schools to hold essay, spelling and public speaking contests for students, sponsored a youth bowling league and organized golf tournaments and football and basketball events.

A bicycle derby sponsored by

A bicycle derby sponsored by the club and the Quakertown police department drew only 12 children last year, down from previous attendance of 50 to 70 children, Kensky said.

"Four or five people would come to meetings and only two or three people would help out with the activities," Kensky said. "I don't know why people stopped getting involved."

The Optimist Club is an international organization that formed in 1920. The Quakertown chapter started in 1980 with 35 members, but dropped to 15 members this year.

Quakertown is about 35 miles north of Philadelphia.

Surgeon presumed dead

CA SAN FRANCISCO — A nationally renowned San Francisco surgeon is presumed dead after vanishing while abalone div-



A hunting day

Deer hunter Todd Kingston walks back to the woods to continue hunting outside West Liberty, Pa., in Butler County. ing off the Mendocino County Coast.

A search-and-rescue team found an abalone pry bar and measuring tool belonging to William Krupski on Monday near the spot where he was last seen south of the coastal town of Mendocino.

No other sign of Krupski was

found, Mendocino County Sheriff's Lt. Don Miller said. Krupski, a vascular sur-

Krupski, a vascular surgeon at Kaiser-Permanente Medical Center in San Francisco, was abalone diving with his wife, Ann.

Their floats drifted away in a strong current; Krupski's wife swam about 30 yards to retrieve them while he continued diving, according to Miller and family members. She told sheriff's investigators that her husband was gone when she returned.

"We know by what his wife told us that he was tired, but he was also intent on getting the last of the three abalone you are allowed to get on a sport fishing license," said Miller, who is an abalone diver himself. "We don't know what happened. No one witnessed it."

Archdiocese in the black

IN INDIANAPOLIS — The Roman Catholic Archdio-cese of Indianapolis expects to end 2004 in the black after seven years of deficits. The shortfalls of as much as \$2 million a year were caused by rising health care costs for employees and rising property insurance costs, officials said.

Chairman urged to resign

DENVER — A consumer advocacy group asked the chairman of the Public Utilities Commission to step down during upcoming hearings on a request by Qwest Communications to ease regulations.

The group accused Gregory Sopkin of violating conflict-of-interest rules when he took a leadership position on a board indirectly funded by Qwest and other companies.

Ice museum under way

AK Springs Resort began construction of a four-gallery ice musetum and chapel to be used for weddings. Owner Bernie Karl says he and ice carver Steve Brice learned important lessons since being forced to allow the Aurora Ice Hotel to mell last winter after ice chandeliers collapsed.

Innocence project ready

eTI HARTFORD — The state public defender's office is ready to launch a program aimed at finding and freeing innocent people in state prisons. The Connecticut Innocence Project will seek out case evidence, especially DNA, that can exonerate inmates.

Rep. open to audit idea

TALLAHASSE — Representative Ron Reagan, the new chairman of the House committee that deals with elections, said he's open to considering the idea of backup paper audit trails for touch-screen voting machines. The systems were used in 15 Florida counties this year.



Lit with holiday spirit Scott Porter, with 3 Rivers Tree Service, carries giant holiday lights to the Caveman Bridge in Grants Pass, Ore.



Riding on the shore Abicyclist pedals across Daytona Beach, in Daytona Beach, Fla., after an outgoing tide left behind a scattering of shells.



Fish out of Water
fish) that washed ashore 5 miles below New Bern, N.C., on the Neuse
River. The more than 300 pound fish was spotted swimming along the
shore and residents tried to push it out to deep water but it returned to
the beach and died. The Mola Mola is not rare along the ocean beaches
but is unusual this far up a bracklish river.



David Hughes and his dog Tv strolled by the piece "Sore throats come ter weather sets in in three ways" by artist Tim Schaffer in a window display at Dolphin art gallery in downtown Kansas City, Mo., as the snow swirled around them.



All covered up Snow talls on a cougai Scarp....... Plaza in Pullman, Wash. Pullman is home to the Washington State University Cougars.



Surfing day done Surfer Joe Hiragawa leaves the water as the sun sets over Ocean Beach, San Francisco, on Tuesday.



Trying to catch some sun in Chicago.

Seagulls gather along a railing on the Chicago River to catch a few rays of morning sun as temperatures dipped below freezing

1 dead in bridge collapse

ND NEW TOWN — A section of a huge bridge under construction over a Missouri River reservoir collapsed, killing one worker and injuring three others, officials said The 4.200-foot Four Bears Bridge

is to be the longest in North Dakota when it is finished, and at \$55 million the most expensive transporta tion project undertaken by the state. It will replace a narrow, out-

dated bridge over Lake Sakakawea. Gwen Lanzer, a spokeswoman for St. Louis-based Fru-Con Construction, which began work on the project in May 2003, said the company was trying to determine what

hannened The bridge was scheduled to be completed next summer.

Burial records on Web

SPRINGFIELD — History buffs who want to know who's buried next to Abraham Lincoln soon will be able to search digital versions of Oak Ridge Cemetery's earliest burial records on the Internet. The cemetery gets 2.5 million visitors each year.

Former judge arrested

FL INVERNESS — Gary Graham, whose controversial ju dicial career in Citrus County ended a decade ago with his removal from the bench, was arrested and accused of committing sex crimes against two 10-year-old girls.

Graham, 56, is charged with two counts of lewd and lascivious conduct and one count of sexual battery on a child younger than 12, an arrest report showed. He was being held without bail in the Citrus County jail.

Graham has been a subject of controversy through much of his legal career. As county court judge, Graham once ordered a man to kill poisonous snakes that had bitten a neighbor and were ruled a menace

He sent several people to jail for using foul language or otherwise acting contemptuously in court.

Man, officer disagree

PA BELLE VERNON — A man accused of pointing a loaded handgun at a police officer says he's only guilty of wearing tight ieans

Sean Eldon Duvall, 36, was arrested Tuesday on charges including aggravated assault and reckless endangerment for the June 18 incident.

Southwest Regional Police Detective Sgt. James Rega said in court papers that Duvall left his car with the .38-caliber revolver hidden under papers and aimed it at him when he stopped to see if Duvall needed help

Duvall told The Associated Press that he didn't need help: he said he was just stepping out of his car to go to a friend's house to play chess

Duvall acknowledged he had his gun with him, but said he has a permit to carry it, which he tried to show Rega. By law, the gun must be concealed, but Duvall said he couldn't conceal it under his pants while sitting in his car because his jeans were too tight.

Duvall said that's why left the car with the gun sandwiched among some magazines.

"The magazines were the bread and the gun was the meat," he said.

A district justice is scheduled to hear both sides of the story on Dec.

Ship decommissioning

MS PASCAGOULA -The USS Yorktown will be removed from service Friday during a decommissioning ceremony, two months after its sister ship, Ticonderoga was towed from the Naval Station Pascagoula. The Yorktown will join Ticonderoga at the Navy's Inactive Ships Maintenance Facility in Pennsylvania.

Skip Mass if you're sick

MA BOSTON — Roman Catho-lic leaders in Springfield and Boston are urging influenza-prone parishioners to forego handshakes and communion wine, and Springfield Bishop Timothy McDonnell is excusing ill church goers from Mass altogether. The recommendations follow a flu vaccine shortage. McDonnell also said that receiving both the communion wafer and a sip of wine "is generally encouraged but is not a necessity," and that bread alone will suf-fice. The "sign of peace" between parishioners - typically a handshake — can be accomplished as easily with "a simple and friendly nod and/or wave," he said.

Da Vinci dispute ongoing

IN EVANSVILLE — Jurors could decide next summer if Leonardo da Vinci scribbled in the margins of a rare Renaissance-era book, the subject of a legal dispute that will require document experts and handwriting specialists.

The dispute centers around a 2001 contract concerning 15th-century text that is valuable in its own right as a rare book. It could be worth significantly more if da Vinci made the notations in the margins.

Evansville couple owned the manuscript and hired an art dealer to sell it for them contend the handwriting is da Vinci's: the dealer contends it's a forgery.

This week, lawyers for both sides agreed the disputed manuscript will remain with the Akron, Ohio, art dealer and won't be sold or disnosed of until the suit is resolved

Enormous gallstone

CA LOS ANGELES — A gall-stone the size of a golf ball about 16 times the size of a normal one - has been removed from a 56-year-old man doctors say The massive growth was the result of a stent inadvertently left in his body from a pancreatic operation more than a decade ago

Gonzalo Medina underwent surgery Monday at a hospital in Los Angeles. The procedure "went fine. according to his doctor. Ian Ken-

"In 30 years of treating gallstones, I have never seen one of this size." Kenner said, adding it was amazing that Medina wasn't killed by it. "It's a tribute to the human body, and in this case, a particularly resilient one."

More than a year ago, Medina began suffering from chills, stomach pain and fever.

Medina previously underwent a procedure that sends shock waves to the gallstone to fragment it while the patient is submerged in water. He will likely face more operations doctors said.

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'Lock down' promotes safety

To those who feel slighted about the lock down of American servicemembers ("'Locked down' in Kuwait," letter, Nov. 27), I happen to think the "guise of security reasons" is a pretty good one

If a target is not introduced, then it can't be attacked. I am not only referring to a possible car bomb, or someone shoot ing up a crowded market, but also the side alleyways where it only takes a second for someone to get stabbed. One death is one too many.

It may be a discomfort not being allowed to venture off base; however, you didn't deploy to go to McDonald's, buy gold, or see the scenery or whatever else someone wants to do downtown.

A lot of folks see the contractors going as they please. If it is that appealing, get out of the military. Then you can become one of those contractors you envy. If for some reason my body gets flown back to the United States in a flag-draped coffin. I hope the explanation given to my wife is better than, "He died downtown shopping or goofing off."

I deployed to accomplish a mission, not to go downtown. I understand the point of view, but remember: "Mission first."

Staff Sgt. Shane P. Sullivan Southwest Asia

No tears shed for insurgent

I am writing in response to all who want to crucify the young Marine who shot the insurgent in the Fallujah mosque.

I am sure that if the situation had been reversed, the insurgent would have done one of two things: shot the young Marine in the head or given the Marine up to the foreign wing of the insurgency, by that I mean [Abu Musab al-]Zarqawi and his bunch, to have his head sawed off with a dull knife

We are fighting insurgents here who do not care about right and wrong or the laws governing the conduct of war or the

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care of prisoners. So, you know what? I don't care what this Marine did in the heat of battle. I would not trade his life or welfare for the life or welfare of any of these insurgents.

We are in a brutal, no-holds-barred war in Iraq. We are fighting an enemy who does not have any common decency or respect for innocents. Just look at Margaret Hassan, an innocent woman who was murdered.

They don't even care about the lives of their own people. Look at how many innocent men, women and children have been killed or maimed by random mortar attacks, drive-by shootings, ambushes and car bombings. They purposely hide behind noncombatants and use religious sanctuaries and civilian infrastructures to store weapons and launch attacks from. They have no morals and they conduct themselves like criminals. Yet, some would call these people freedom fighters or patriots.

I am glad that our forefathers didn't act in this manner during our war for in-

dependence. If they had, I would have been ashamed of them.

Forgive me if I do not shed a tear for this individual who the Marine killed. I have plenty of others who have died in this war who deserve my tears far more than he

> Snc John Wolff Camp Anaconda, Iraq

Saturday, December 4, 2004

Rumsfeld a world away on hire

With the war weighing heavy on our nation's shoulders, our self-serving, arrogant defense secretary does not call on the knowledge of decorated military leaders for guidance, men who have been in battle, felt the fear and understand the strategy of war. Instead, he turns to the corporate world ("Rumsfeld gets his (nonmilitary) man to run Army," Joseph Galloway column, Nov. 23)

Has it occurred to Donald Rumsfeld that in war there are not stockholders fretting over red ink on a balance sheet? Success or failure is measured in the number of body bags shipped home. Military leaders do not answer to the frustrated moans of stockholders, but instead to the anguished cries of families and friends as they mourn their dead. God bless America is my prayer, be-

cause His is the only power that can save us from such inept leadership. Marti Schumacher

Heidelberg, Germany

Euro rate hard to figure out

Could you possibly return to the old way of telling Stripes readers what the dollar-to-euro rate is?

For example, \$1 equals 0.7470 euro. The way it is presented now, for example: 1 euro costs \$1.33 or whatever, never equals the bank rate. Readers can't figure it out.

It would be so much simpler if a soldier could figure out \$50 gets him or her 37.35 euros. Please consider this change Ann Rurski

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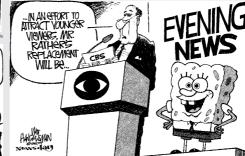
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The lovely trip down memory lane is sponsored by Mercury retrograde, your one-stop cosmic shop of little horrors. The inner chatter of

"Did I really just do that?" and "How could I have said that to him?" will cease once you come to terms with the idea that everybody, even you, is doing the best possible with the knowledge available at the time.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (December 4). Dazzle the world with your genius this year. Draw inspiration from the arts, and make brilliant business moves in January

The spring features a big purchase. Be daring - believe you can have more. Singles are adventurous and enjoy a level of playfulness in their dating life. But, come June, it's about settling in and making plans for the future

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Someone tries to educate and

inform you, but you're getting another feeling from the interaction - like you're being indoctrinated! You're probably right. Continue to be an individual advocate for free thought.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

You have a great appetite for knowledge, and in the quest for it, you'll loosen your grip on beliefs that have held you back. The same goes for negative people. You'll consciously choose not to return a call

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

Because you're aware of your own energy force, you're able to increase it and decrease it as the situation dictates. Listen to all sides of an argument. Doing the "right" thing means something different to everyone involved

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

Postpone firm commitments for a few days, since you're in no position to make decisions that will affect your financial realm. (Whether they're about love, family or business, they will influence your financial realm.)

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Handle what's important first, and all subse quent tasks are easier than you

thought they'd be. You can combine business and a hobby for some sudden money. Technology is your friend, so use it

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Why think in black-and-white terms

when it's so much more fun to see the world in Technicolor? Time shows you the legitimacy of the other person's position, particularly in romantic squabbles

LIBRA (Sept.

23-Oct. 23). Confi dence is more attractive than any physical characteristic, so stop worrving about looks. Besides, you've turned the corner

on managing your health or weight. Good fortune comes with the change

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Success comes from temporarily

shifting your focus. Measure yourself against a long-term goal, and refuse to get wrapped up in the hour-by-hour ebbs and flows of

business. Before you know it, you're ahead.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Hold back on a project if you have any confusion about what to do next or how to do it. The bottom line involves much more than money. Ask a powerful person what

he or she would do in your situation. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). You may come up against fierce opposition, but have courage, and stand strong. The sand starts running out of the hourglass on a deal - it's critical for you to move quickly with people who know what they're doing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

Your tranquil tone attracts more joyful, carefree and prosperous situations. Take a risk you would not have taken yesterday. You could help someone save face, which will always be remembered.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Answers are found through observation, not research. Tell the one who cries "Wolf!" that you're going to have to stop responding - and then, do all you can to keep this from being an empty threat.

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Peanuts



BUT I'M NOT SORRY I HIT THAT STUPID KID... HE INSULTED YOU, AND HE DESERVED IT...

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equal P

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirio

Mom's promise gives reassurance

Dear Abby: A promise I made to my child is tearing me apart. My 7-year-old son, "Lyle," has been talking a lot about death. A while back, we were in the car and he brought the subject up again. He said how sad he would be in heaven alone, and asked that should anything even Dear Abby

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happen to him, if I would go with him. I promised that I would, and it seemed to make him feel much better. We talked about how we would fly down to Earth and touch our loved ones to give them comfort, eve though they would never see us

That promise I made is killing me now, because, God forbid if something bad did happen to Lyle, I could never go with him. I have four other children who need me. I'm afraid if I take back the promise that gave my son so much comfort, it will upset him. Also, I need to know why, at his tender age, Lyle is talking so much about death. Is this normal? Sometimes

— Torn Mother in Vermont Dear Torn Mother: Do not "take back" the promise. Your son was asking for reassurance that you would never leave him, and you gave it to him. Because you are concerned about this

preoccupation with death, gently try to draw him out when he brings it up again. If you are not satisfied with his responses, enlist the aid of a child psychologist.

Dear Abby: I dated "Carter" for five months. During that time, he bought me all kinds of presents, from

flowers to tires for my car. I never asked Carter for anything. In fact, I told him twice that there were "too many pre-

He responded that I was insulting him, and told me I should just accept them graciously and say thank you.

I tried to reciprocate by doing

things for him. I would cook him dinner every time he came over, and give him fresh produce from our garden. I even loaned Carter

my car when his was in the shop Now that we are broken up, he is demanding that I return all his gifts and pay him \$300 for the tires or he will sue me. (I have proof they were gifts, and given with love.) I feel Carter is wrong. Should I give him back the things

> - Sorry I Ever Met Him in California

Dear Sorry: Once a gift is given, it belongs to the recipient to do with as she (or he) wishes. However, in this case, since you now know they were intended as strings to bind you to him, it might be better to return them and be rid of him once and for

and pay him?

P.S. He can sue you if he wishes, but whether he could WIN is another matter. I hope for his sake he won't decide to try.

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Unscramble these four Jumbles. one letter to each square. to form four ordinary words

> WALK DOWN A FASHION RUN-W/AY Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Family Circus

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"Wow! Look how the wind makes the trees dance!"

Be firm: Tell daughter time to go

Dear Annie: My daughter and her three children came to live in our home over a year ago. She told me it would be for only a short time.

Now her boyfriend is living here, and they are paying us only \$200 a month, which does not cover utilities and other extras she costs us

Both my husband and I are on disability.

I am tired of having five extra people in my house with no privacy, and told my daughter months ago to start looking for her own place. How do I get them out?

- Desperate, Angry Mother Dear Mother: Would your daugh ter be willing to pay more to cover her costs? Would you be willing to let her stay if she did? If not, give her a specific date when she has to be out of the house, and help her look for available rentals.

You may want to see a lawyer to start eviction proceedings Otherwise, if she makes no effort to move, change the locks on your doors and toss her stuff on the



Dear Annie: When I married my wife and became a stepfather to her children, she said I had equal say in all things and suggested I spend at least twice as much time listening as I did talking. Here are some things I have

found to be true: 1. Don't force things.

If and when the children choose to like you, they will. Don't be confrontational about inconse quential things. Carefully pick the fights you really need to fight

2. Listen. Communication is a two-way street. If they believe you won't listen to them, they aren't going to listen to you. When kids need to talk about something, it needs to be now,

not after the news or at halftime 3. Communicate with your partner. Particularly when faced with teenagers, a unified front is essential

4. Never bash the ex-spouse

and if possible, try to have a civil relationship with him/her. Before birthdays and Christmas. my wife's ex calls me for gift suggestions. If you have a civil

relationship, everybody wins. 5. Don't look at yourself as a parental replacement. I am a parental supplement. These girls grew up with three parents who love them. If you try to drive a wedge or replace the other parent, you will lose

6. Tell them you love them,

I'm not claiming to have all the answers, but the girls do love me all the time and like me most of the time. I think it's called being a parent.

- Wisconsin Stepdad Dear Stepdad: We like you

suggestions — they show a great deal of common sense and a loving attitude. Thanks for sharing them with our readers

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Hakim (hip).

ATLANTA FALCONS (9-2) AT TAMPA BAY
BUCCANEERS (4-7) — Falcons: QUESTIONABLE: WR Brian Finneran (ankle): CB Jason
Webster (groin). PROBABLE: RB Justin Griffith (knee): DE Brady Smith (ankle). Buccaneers: QUT: S Jermaine Phillips (arm). PROBneers: QUT: S Jermaine Phillips (arm). PROB-ABLE: WR Joey Galloway (ankle); QB Briar Griese (hip); C Sean Mahan (shoulder); D1 Dewayne White (calf). Spiesz (10), C. Seal Manian (shouter); 31 BUFFALO BILLS, 69- AT MAIM DOLPHINS (2-9) — Bills; 0UT; 8B Travis Henry (ankle); 0UETSTOMABLE; We Josh Reed (need); CB Bus (uusdricep); 1B Zeah Thomas (hamring); 0UETSTOMABLE; 6 Jeno James (knee); PKOS-ring); 1D KOS-ring); 1D KOS-ring); 1D KOS-ring); 1D Mario (knee); 1D Ma

nds (hand): LB Eddie Moore (knee): G Tavlor Whitley (foot).

CAROLINA PANTHERS (4-7) AT NEW ORLEANS SAINTS (4-7) — Panthers: DOUBTFUL: LB Dan Morgan (concussion). QUESTION-ABLE: LB Brian Allen (pectoral); DT Brentson Buckner (knee): WR Karl Hankton (hamstring), PROBABLE: QB Jake Delhomme (right thumb); RB Brad Hoover (hip); K John Kasav (right calf): DT Kindal Moorehead (ankle): DE Kemp Rasmussen (neck). Saints DOUBTFUL: LB Derrick Rodgers (back). QUES TIONABLE: LB Colby Bockwoldt (shoulder)

LB Sedrick Hodge (knee); G Montrae Holland (foot); G Kendyl Jacox (knee); WR Michae Levis (ankle).

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). REEN BAY PACKERS (7-4) AT PHILADEL A EAGLES (10-1) — Packers: QUESTION E: RB Najeh Davenport (ribs). PROBABLE PHIA EAGLS (10-1) — Pockers OUTSTINDS.

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**NEW ERGLAND PATRIOTS (16-1) AT CLEVELAND BROWNS (3-8) — Patriots: OUT: CB Ty
Law (foot). DOUBTFUL: CB Tyrone Poolé
(knee). QUESTIONABLE: LB Roman Phiffer
(call); CB Asante Samuel (shoulder). LB
Mike Vrabel (10ot). PROBABLE: QB. Tom

Mike Vrabel (foot), PROBABLE: QB Tom Brady (right shoulder): GB Randall Gay (arm): QB Jim Miller (right shoulder): Browns: QUESTIONABLE: WR Andre Davis (toe/RR): QB Jeff Garcia (shoulder): QB Kelly Holcomb (ribs): CB Michael Lehan (ham-string): CB Daylon McCutcheon (shoulder): REW YORK GIANTS (5-6) AT WASHINGTON MEW YORK GIANTS (5-6) AT WASHINGTON MEW TORK GIANTS (UT: DE LORENZE) REDSMNS (7-6) — Glants: OUT: DE L'Orezoo Bromell (fine-p) E Chuck Wiley (fine-p) DOUBTULL D'I Norman Hand (oroni); S Giarli Bromell (fine-p) E Chuck (fine-p); S Giarli Blue (fine-p); S Giarli Giarli Martinian (fine-p); PBOB BLE: W (fine-p); Martinian (fine

T Chris Samuels (ankle); CB Fred moot (shoulder). SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS (1-10) AT ST. LOUIS

RAMS (5-6) — 49ers: OUT: C Jeremy Newber ry (back/knee): CB Ahmed Plummer (neck) QUESTIONABLE: LB Ray Wells (ankle). PROB ABLE: CB Jimmy Williams (toe). Rams: OUT

G Chris Dishman (knee), DOUBTFUL: CE Dejuan Groce (knee). QUESTIONABLE: S Ae-neas Williams (neck). PROBABLE: S Adam Ar-chuleta (back): WR Isaac Bruce (wrist): RB Marshall Faulk (knee); TE Brandon Manu-

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COLTS (6-3) — Titans: OUT: T Brad Hopkins
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Beckham (knee; LB Rocky Bolman (calif; R8
Chris Brown (toe); DT Albert Haynesworth
(elbow); DT Ren Long (knee); QS Steve McNair (sternum): T Fred Miller (ahkle); CB Samari Rolle (knee); LB Cody Spencer (abdomari Rolle (knee); LB Cody Spencer (abdo-Nair (sternum): T Fred Miller (ahkle): CB Sa-mari Rolle (Knee): LB Cody Spencer (abdo-men). Golts: DUT: S Bob Sanders (Knee): DE Josh Thomas (Innee): DDISTPUL: G TUBE JOSH THOMAS (Innee): DE JOSH (Innee): DE JOSH GEORGE (Innee): DE JOSH (Innee): DE JOSH GEORGE (Innee): DE JOSH (Innee): DE JOSH GEORGE (Innee): DE RObert Mathis (groin): LB Kendyil Pope (thigh): K Mike Vanderjad (groin): WA Troy Walters (upper arm frac-

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Monday
DALLAS COWBOYS (4-7) AT SEATTLE SEA
HAWKS (6-5) — Cowboys: OUFSTIONARY HAWKS (6-5) — Cowboys: QUESTIONABLE: G Andre Gurode (knee). PROBABLE: RB Richie Anderson (concussion). Seahawks: QUT: LB Chad Brown (knee); LB Tracy White (har-string). QUESTIONABLE: RB Kerry Carter (ribs): DE Chike Okeafor (ankle): CB Bobie Taylor (knee). PROBABLE: T Walter Jones

College basketball

Men's Top 25 fared

Wednesday 1. Wake Forest (5-1) lost to No. 5 Illinois 1-73. Next: vs. Richmond, Saturday. 2. Kansas (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. Pacif-2. Autrises 13-0) uni not piay, Next: vs. Pacti-caturday. 6-6) beat St. Sonaventure 91-67. Next: vs. Colgate, Saturday. 4. Georgia Teelh (4-0) did not piay. Next: vs. Georgia, Sunday. 5. Illinois (5-0) beat No. 1. Wake Forest 91-73. Next: at Arkansas, Saturday. 6. Oklahoma State (4-0) did not piay. Next: vs. Washington State, Saturday. vs. Washington State, Saturday. 6. Oxfolioma Satte very lux ans home.

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Wednesday's men's scores

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Santa Clara 73, San Jose St. 60 UC Davis 72, Sacramento St. 63, OT UNLV 73, California 72 Utah St. 71, BYU 57 TOURNAMENT Hudson Valley Shootout Champions, Ny. 83 Vassar 95, Mount St. Mary, N.Y. 83 Third Place New Paltz 70, Bard 46
EXHIBITION
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Women's Top 25 fared

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Deals

Wednesday's transactions

BASEBALL
American League
ANAHEIM ANGELS—Agreed to terms with
18-0F Kendry Morales on a six-year contract.

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minor league field coordinator, vern kunie minor league pitching coordinator and Steve Baumann assistant trainer. Named Rodney McCray coach for Louisville of the IL and Rick Burleson manager for Billings of Pioneer League.

OUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with
Mike Coolbaugh, C Dax Norris, C Chris
mie, RHP Travis Driskill and OF Barry Wesson on minor league contracts.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms
with C Chad Moeller on a one-year contract
and LHP Rigo Beltran on a minor league con-

ract.

National Basketball Association

BOSTON CELTICS—Placed G Delonte West
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No. 1 Wake falls with a thud

Illinois makes it look easy: Syracuse, Carolina roll

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Roger Powell Jr. scored 19 points, Dee Brown and Luther Head added 16 each and No. 5 Illinois made Wake Forest look more like a nonconference patsy than the top-ranked team in the country in

a 91-73 rout Wednesday night The Illini (5-0) led by double digits for the last 28-plus minutes of the game, and were up by as much as 32 in the second half. With 8:34 still to play, the "Orange Krush" student section broke into chants of "Overrated!" In the final minutes of the game, there were chants of "We're No.

Illinois has won 35 straight at home against nonconference opponents, a streak dating to Nov. 17, 1998. The Illini are 66-3 overall at Assembly Hall since the 2000-01 season.

Wake Forest (5-1), which climbed to No. 1 for the first time in school history, was held to 39 percent shooting, and its two best players weren't a factor.

Chris Paul, the leading vote-getter on the AP's preseason All-America team, had 10 points and Justin Gray, MVP of the Preseason NIT, had 11. Eric Williams, the other member of Wake Forest's big three, had 18 on 7-for-13 shooting.

No. 3 Syracuse 91, St. Bonaventure 67: At Syracuse, N.Y., Hakim Warrick had 18 points and 11 rebounds and Josh Pace added 14 points and 10 rebounds for Syracuse (6-0), which got its 30th straight victory over teams from New York state and sent the Bonnies (0-4) to their 21st straight road loss.

McNamara had 17 points and Darryl Watkins 12 for



Syracuse. Billy Edelin had four points and three assists in his return to the lineup after leaving the team in the middle of last season for personal reasons.

Wade Dunston led the Bonnies

No. 9 North Carolina 70, Indiana 63: At Bloomington, Ind., Rashad McCants scored 19 points and Raymond Felton 18 to lead the Tar Heels (5-1) to their fifth straight victory

Indiana (2-1) was led by Bracey Wright with 18 points and Robert Vaden with 16 points and nine rebounds.

Indiana fans were not kind to North Carolina's Sean May, a former Indiana Mr. Basketball and the son of Indiana All-American Scott May. He was booed during warmups and one fan had a sign taken away that read "Sean May Traitor." Five fans wore shirts that spelled out the phrase "May you must be adopted," and the boos and chants intensified throughout the game as May struggled. He missed five of seven shots and finished with eight points, all in the second half.

No. 13 Pittsburgh 65, St. Francis, Pa. 41: At Pittsburgh, Chevon Troutman led a decisive 17-2 run late in the first half and scored 22 points as Pittsburgh improved to 28-0 in games against St. Francis.

Troutman made four free throws and Antonio Graves, Carl Krauser and Ronald Ramon hit three-pointers during the run, which pushed Pitt (4-0) from a 17-all tie into a 34-19 lead

Gonzaga 99, No. 14 Washington 87: At Spokane, Wash., Adam Morrison scored 26 points and Ronny Turiaf had 23 points and 13 rebounds as Gonzaga (4-1) won its seventh straight over

Nate Robinson led Washington (4-1) with 22 points, including four three-pointers.

Gonzaga led from the opening tip, and pulled away from a 59-all tie with 13 minutes remaining Three-pointers by Derek Raivio and Morrison helped Gonzaga build a 92-82 lead with 2:25 to

Jamaal Williams had 18 points for Washington.

No. 22 Alabama 114. East Tennessee 77: At Tuscaloosa, Ala., Earnest Shelton scored 24 points and Ronald Steele had a school-record 18 assists for Ala-

Shelton was 6-for-11 from three-point range, and the Crimson Tide (5-1) shot 19-for-41 from behind the arc — breaking the school record of 16 set in 1996 against Mercer

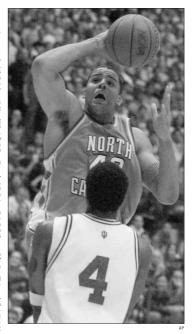
Kennedy Winston added 21 points and 10 rebounds. Steele broke the school assist record of 16 and Alahama's 30 also was a school record.

Dillion Sneed had 30 points and Tim Smith added 24 for East Tennessee (2-3).

No. 24 Virginia 48. Northwestern 44: At Evanston, Ill., Elton Brown had 15 points and 12 rebounds, including the first eight points of the game, as the Cavaliers (5-0) held their fifth straight

opponent to 60 points or less.

Northwestern (1-4) has its worst record since 1999-2000, when it opened with the same



Sean May, a former Indiana high school Mr. Basketball, had a nightmare game in his first trip back to the state as a player for North Carolina. He struggled through a scoreless first half and here commits a charging foul. He did have the consolation of a 70-63 win over Indiana

Army's Ross answers the (bugle) call to duty

PHILADELPHIA e heard the haunting echo of it, like a bugle call from his past, pulling at him, pulling him back to an earlier time, when he was a cavalry-

man, in the Bill Lyon mored Regi-



He heard it sitting there in their kitchen that night, heard it from

wife, Alice heard her use those words that forever reverber-

ate at The Point Duty. Honor. Country

You have, she told him, a duty to do this. A patriotic duty. All the losing, it's demoralizing. Especially for the troops serving in harm's way. "It kind of hit me," Bobby Ross

They've been married more

than 40 years. She hasn't steered him wrong very often.

So Robby Ross whose umbili-

cal has been tethered to the military much of his life, took the job last December. Head football coach, United States Military Academy, West Point.

He was 67. He had been retired three years. He had immersed in volunteer work and in their 15 grandchildren. He thought he was rid of football. after a lifetime of it. He had applied at a couple of schools and had been rejected and they'd been polite enough about it, but he was pretty sure of the why of the rejections: He was too old

So he resigned himself and plunged his hands deep into the honey-do jar, the chores and er-rands that Alice kept for him to make sure he kept busy. He thought he had adjusted, adapted: he thought he was fine.

And then that bugle call, irre sistible, the haunting echoes, call-ing to him ... another chance to serve your country.

"In a lot of ways, I think we're the true America's Team," he said. "All three of us, the acade-

And so they are in a way, even more so in uncertain times like these, and so what has befallen

Army football in recent years has been especially wrenching — the first major program to lose 13 games in a season, no winning seasons in the last nine, a two-season record of 1-24 coming into 2004. All that persistent losing had be-

come a habit. The players had been beaten down. The first change Bobby Ross had to make was to break the cycle, reverse the mind-set

"Just being competitive, that's not enough," he told them. "Keeping the score close, that's not the answer. I despise losing. I'm not very good at it

He hasn't had to endure much of it, college or pro. He produced winners at Maryland and at Georgia Tech, including a shared national championship. He pro-duced winners at San Diego, including a Super Bowl berth, and at Detroit.

Nine games into the 2000 NFL season, he resigned. It wasn't because he suddenly stopped loving football, or was burned out.

No, it was blood clots, in both legs, and the family history was grim — his father had both legs amputated because of clots.

away, in a desert firefight. In time, Ross healed. But the

thrill of the hunt, the competing, that still gnawed at him. That was the one thing he couldn't find a substitute for in retirement.

So when The Point called He graduated from Virginia Military Institute. He coached there a year. He coached The Citadel. He spent three years in the Army. One of his sons graduated from the Naval Academy, another from the Air Force Academy

The hugle call is a theme song for the Ross family. "I have a deep appreciation of what West Point stands for," he said, "and a deep respect for it. The history, the tradition, it's a

very inspiring place to be."

He is a patriot coaching patriots, but love of country and sense of obligation, by themselves, don't win football games. The first four games of this year were no different. The losing streak reached 19 in a row. And then, Oct. 9: Army 48, Cincinnati 29

Next thing he knew, Bobby Ross was being hoisted aloft, carried off on the shoulders of players who one day, and soon, may find themselves half a world

The e-mail and the snail mail

and the phone calls inundated the coach and the Cadets, much of it from Iraq and from Afghanistan. from troops with something to cheer about. Army followed up with another victory the very next week. Now, the Navy game beckons and the stack of mail and messages on the desk of Bobby Ross is, he figures, a foot and a

The perspective is never lost. Values are never diminished.

half high. At least.

Football matters, yes, but they all know what might await them On display in the Army locker room is an American flag that was flown during a skirmish in Afghanistan in which three American patriots perished.

Army is 2-8. Navy is 8-2. Not so long ago, Navy couldn't win a game. In that example, then, is inspiration for Army. And the history of Bobby Ross, the Virginian with the soft drawl and the set iaw is to revive and restore

We've just started climbing that mountain," he said.

But all the way up, they can hear the echo of the bugle call. Bill Lyon is a columnist for The PhiladelJ



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ırn cornerback Junior Rosegreen will be rooting for a loss by either USC or Oklahoma on Saturday.



Southern Cal sopi more tailback Reggie Bush leads a rushing attack that averages 207 yards a game.



Freshman Adrian Peterson will try to help Oklahoma avoid a second straight loss in the Big 12 championship game.

College football schedule/statistics

Weekend schedule

Saturday, Dec. 4 EAST Army vs. Navy at Philadelphia **SOUTH** Virginia Tech at Miami Ark.-Pine Bluff at Alabama St. Ark.-Pine Bluff at Alabama St. Louisville at Tulane Fla. International at Florida Atla SEC championship, Auburn vs.

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ental (10-1) at Linfield (10-0)

NAIA playoffs

Semifinals

Ptown, Ky. (12-0) at St. Francis, Ind. (12-0) Azusa Pacific (11-2) at Carroll, Mont. (9-2)

Division I-A team statistics Total offense

		Plavs	Yds	Yp
Louisville		732	5382	538.
Boise St.		882	5628	511.
Utah		801	5530	502.
Bowling Green		817	5518	501.
California		687	4896	489.
Texas Tech		863	5303	482.
Toledo		826	5252	477.
Oklahoma		817	5137	467.
Texas		816	5129	466.
Memphis		837	5110	464.
Purdue		837	5011	455.
Michigan St.		817	4922	447.
Minnesota		756	4909	
Northern III.		787	4906	446.
Southern Calif	ornia	789	4836	439

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Texas Tech		387	4276	388.7			
Bowling Green	428	287	3692	335.6			
Hawaii	540	310	3581	325.5			
Purdue	439	274	3573	324.8			
Arizona St.	457	264	3438	312.5			
Toledo	384	268	3425	311.4			
Rutgers	473	303	3416	310.5			
Oregon St.	487	259	3348	304.4			
Louisville	293	208	2922	292.2			
Connecticut	423	272	3137	285.2			
Miami (Ohio)	383	237	3091	281.0			
Brigham Young	423	234	3075	279.5			
Florida	368	224	2991	271.9			
Boise St.	324	206	2958	268.9			
Southern California	361	240	2958	268.9			

Total defense

	Plays	Yds	Ypq
North Carolina St.	701	2435	221.3
Alabama	641	2595	235.9
LSU		2749	249.9
Auburn	676	2937	267.0
Southern California	716	2964	269.4
Florida St.	721	2977	270.6

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a	229	100	1282	9	94.9
n California	387	202	2077	10	97.0
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			1599		
Tech	285	153	1658	7	98.7
St.	391	168	2135 1743	23	99.0
sin	328	161	1743	11	99.3
			1785		
			2375		
			2152		
n 'ech	359	183	2108	10	103.3
ech	339	171	1930	12	104.0
			2188		
ri	277	148	1642	10	104.3

Div. I-A individual statistics

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	Car	Yds	Ava	Y			
mas, No. Texas	256	1709	6.7	189			
iams, Memphis		1828	6.2	166			
son, Texas		1764	5.8	160			
ngton, Cal		1584	6.8	158			
fe, No. Illinois		1572	6.5	157			
ats, La.Tech		1706	6.3	155			
erson.Oklahoma	286	1671	5.8	151			
ency, Okla, State	250	1454	5.8	145			
. South Florida	195	1272	6.5	127			
t, Michigan	261	1372	5.3	124			
oles, Kansas St.	244	1318	5.4	119			
es. Army	188	1171	6.2	117			
mour, C. Michigan	262	1284	4.9	116			
	274	1381	5.0	115			
sev, UNLV	226	1260	5.6	114			
oney, Minnesota		1243	6.6	113			
ore, New Mexico		1083	4.8	108			
on, Florida	205	1173	5.7	108			

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Smith, Utah	280 18	5 2624	28 174.9
Campbell, Auburn	219 15	0 2137	16 170.0
Jacobs, Bowl, Green	418 28		36 167.8
Rodgers, Cal	246 17		21 164.0
White, Oklahoma	325 20		
Gradkowski, Toledo			23 162.2
Leinart, USC	343 22		28 157.5
Orton, Purdue	342 21	3 2809	28 155.4
DGreene, Georgia	261 15	6 2244	18 153.2
Ricard, Tulane	231 14		21 152.5
Zabransky, Boise St.	298 19	2 2728	15 150.6
Leak, Florida	360 21	9 2935	28 149.4
	304 16		24 149.4
Pierce, N. Mexico St.	285 19	1 2253	16 148.4
Guidugli, Cincinnati	306 18	6 2402	
Marshall, W.Virginia	219 13	3 1755	18 147.9
Berlin, Miami, Fla	293 16	6 2370	21 145.5

Receiving

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geway, Ball State	11 105 1399	9							
nal-Wood, Idaho	12 96 938	8							
vards, Michigan	11 87 1221	7							
laurie, E. Michigan	11 84 1257	7							
wers, Nevada	12 91 1126	7							
bblefield, Purdue	11 82 1014	7							
ses, Rutgers	11 81 1056	7							
ens, Hawaii	11 81 893	7							
ivis, Marshall	11 81 847	7							
is, Oregon State	11 81 1274	7							
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ght, Middle Tenn.	11 76 1048	6							
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Final test for the top trio

BY RALPH D. RUSSO The Associated Press

Going into the final week of the regular season, only one team is set for a specific spot in the Bowl Championship Series.



Michigan will play in the Rose Bowl. Every thing else will be put in place Saturday in six

games involving eight ranked teams First up will be Pittsburgh try-

ing to wrap up the Big East's automatic hid to the BCS against South Florida in a game rescheduled because of a hurricane.

About two hours later the former beasts of the Big East. Miami and Virginia Tech, play for the Atlantic Coast Conference crown and its BCS bid

Then the national champion ship contenders begin their final push toward the Orange Bowl to play for the BCS title.

Southern California (11-0)lays crosstown rival UCLA. The Trojans are in first place in the BCS standings and have locked up a BCS berth as Pac-10 champion. A victory gives them a trip to Miami and a chance to make it back-to-back national titles. A slip sends them to the Rose Bowl.

There is a lot at stake regarding where we'll end up. The elements that add up are good for us " USC coach Pete Carroll said "It would be a great game even if there were no wins on either side. But the fact that we have to deal with all this pressure is good for us.

Just about when the Trojans and Bruins are heading to halftime. Auburn and Tennessee kick off the Southeastern Conference title game in Atlanta. The Tigers (11-0) are third in

the BCS standings and probably need a loss by USC or Oklahoma to play in the Orange Bowl

They beat the Volunteers 34-10 in Knoxville in October.

"We played them early in the but you can throw that out and they will have a grudge on their shoulder and they will come out with more enthusiasm, Auburn running back Ronnie Brown said.

About an hour and a half after the Tigers-Volunteers start their rematch in Atlanta, California, fourth in the BCS standings tries to secure its spot in the BCS at Southern Mississippi.

The odd cross-sectional regu

lar-season finale also was caused by a September hurricane. Texas will be watching closely, hoping the Golden Eagles can spring the upset — or at least make the Bears look bad — and put the Longhorns in the BCS.

Shortly after that, Oklahoma and Colorado get going in the Big 12 title game in Kansas City, Mo. The Sooners appear to control their destiny - win and they're off to Miami to play for a national title

for the second straight season.
"We won't sit around and watch other games on television Saturday; we will keep focused on the Colorado game," Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said.

The Big 12 title game has a history of upsets, including Kansas State knocking off the Sooners to snark last season's BCS controver-

"There is more a sense of alertness and the need to finish well for us this week." Stoops said. Oddly, now an upset is needed to avoid having three unbeaten teams from the major conference es and another BCS controversy

The picks: Army (plus 13) vs. Navy: Mids have won two straight by combined 92-18 ... ARMY 30-29.

No. 1 Southern California (minus 22) at UCLA: USC has won five straight against Bruins, past three by average of 27 ..

No. 2 Oklahoma (minus 211/2) vs. Colorado: No Sooner slip-up this year ... OKLAHOMA 40-17. No. 3 Auburn (minus 13) vs. No. 15 Tennessee: Much like first meeting ... AUBURN 30-13.

No. 4 California (minus 23) at Southern Miss: Roses are red but the Rose Bowl will be mostly blue this year ... CAL 48-20. No. 7 Louisville (minus 28) at

Tulane: Cards go for fifth straight game with at least 55 points .. LOUISVILLE 58-24. No. 10 Virginia Tech (plus 7) at

No. 9 Miami: Hokies' Frank Beamer could be national coach of the year ... VIRGINIA TECH No. 19 Pittsburgh (minus 7) at

South Florida: Pitt saves Big East possible embarrassment of sending Syracuse to BCS ... PITTS-**BURGH 24-14**. Last week: 8-5 (straight); 3-10

(vs. points). 189-50 (straight);

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Williams rejects deal to come back in '05

Former Dolphins RB still fighting team's breach of contract lawsuit

BY TIM REYNOLDS The Associated Press

MIAMI - Ricky Williams rejected a deal that would have allowed him to serve a four-game

drug suspension this season and return to the NFL next year. "Ricky indicated to me that he is no longer interested in resum-

ing his career at this time," Willlawyer David Cornwell said in a statement e-mailed to The Associated Press on Thursday

The 1998 Heisman Trophy winner needed to let the league know by Thursday so he could be moved from the retired list to the suspended list by the deadline. He would have served the suspen sion for the Miami Dolphins' final four games, starting Dec. 12 at Denver.

"David Cornwell informed our office that Ricky Williams has declined to accept the terms of his reinstatement." NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said.

Dolphins spokesman Harvey Greene wouldn't comment, say ing the matter is between Will-

iams and the NFI.

Williams, 27, stunned his team by retiring shortly before Miami opened training camp in July. The Dolphins filed a lawsuit in federal court against the running back, seeking the \$8.6 million an arbitrator ruled he owes the team for breaching his contract.

Williams is fighting the deci-He is now enrolled in a

17-month course at the California College of Ayurveda in Grass Valley, Calif., studying holistic medicine

The talks to allow Williams back into the league involved a promise to return to the field next season and to re-enter the NFL drug program immediately, including being tested on a regular

"The NFL sought assurances



Former Miami Dolphins running back Ricky Williams could have served a four-game drug suspension this season and returned to the NFL next year.

that Ricky is indeed committed to playing," Cornwell said.

Williams gave up the \$5 million he would have earned this season, which would have been his sixth in the NFL, amid reports he faced suspension for substance

He rushed for 3.225 vards in two seasons with the Dolphins, including a league-leading 1,853 yards in 2002. Miami acquired him from New Orleans after the 2001 season.

But without Williams, the Dolphins have gone into a tailspin. They're 2-9 and will finish with

a losing record for the first time since 1988

Williams has social-anxiety disorder and was a spokesman for an anti-depressant. He said marijuana helped him after he stopped using the anti-depres-

Grizzlies hire Fratello to replace ailing Brown

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - Mike Fratello was hired as coach of the Memnhis Grizzlies on Thursday as a replacement for Hubic Brown, who unexpectedly retired last week for health reasons.

Fratello coached the Atlanta Hawks for eight seasons and the Cleveland Cavaliers for six. He will be the Grizzlies' seventh

"Today is the beginning of a new day for all of us," Grizzlies President Jerry West said. "We want to get back to where we feel good about ourselves.

Brown, 71, was coach of the year last season after leading the team to its first playoff appearance. He cited unspecified health reasons when he retired last

week "I am inheriting a team that knows organization, that knows discipline and plays unselfishly," Fratello said. "That is a great

head start." The Grizzlies have lost four straight since Brown retired and assistant coach Lionel Hollins was appointed interim coach. Hollins will stay as an assistant coach. Fratello also said former Golden State Warriors coach Eric Musselman would join his staff as

an assistant. Fratello's overall NBA record

is 592-499, including 20-34 in the playoffs. He was an assistant under Brown for four seasons in Atlanta (1978-81) and one season York (1982-83). He re placed Brown as interim coach of the Hawks for three games in

Nuggets' White pleads guilty to firearms charges

DENVER - Denver Nuggets forward Rodney White pleaded quilty to two weapons charges and agreed to 100 hours of com munity service to have a third charge dropped. White pleaded guilty Tuesday

in Washington to charges of pos sessing an unregistered firearm and unregistered ammunition. Prosecutors agreed to dismiss

a charge of carrying a pistol without a license if White completes his community service in Wash ington by Sept. 6. White would face no further jail time.

He spent two weeks in jail after he and two other men were arrest-ed in Washington on Sept. 5 for allegedly shooting randomly into the air.

"This has been a tough time for my team and my family, White said in a statement. "I sincerely apologize for what I have done and look forward to having this matter placed behind me.

Friend faces drug charge over pot found in Anthony's bag

DENVER - Prosecutors filed a drug charge Wednesday against a friend of NBA star Carmelo Anony who said he accidentally left marijuana in the player's backpack before it was found during an airport luggage search.

James Cunningham of St. Louis faces a charge of possessing less than one ounce of marijuana. If convicted, he could be fined \$100 but would face no jail time.

Prosecutors originally filed the same charge against Anthony after the marijuana was found in



his pack on Oct. 15 while he and Denver Nuggets teammates were waiting to board a flight to Milwaukee for an exhibition

The charge was dropped two weeks ago after Cunningham signed an affidavit saying he bor rowed the backpack without Anthony's knowledge and left the marijuana in it.

Magic place F Garrity on injured list, activate Augmon

ORLANDO, Fla. - Orlando Magic forward Pat Garrity went on the injured list with a sprained left foot, and Stacey Augmon was activated to fill the roster spot before Wednesday night's game against Toronto.

Garrity, a three-point special-ist, was hurt during Orlando's loss to Boston on Monday night. He's averaging 7.1 points, lowest since his rookie season, and is shooting a career-worst 31 percent on three-pointers.

Augmon had three points and seven rebounds in seven games before going on the injured list Nov. 20 with tendinitis in his left

Pierce makes up with Rivers WALTHAM, Mass. — Boston

Celtics captain Paul Pierce apolo gized Thursday for arguing with coach Doc Rivers, one day after being benched for not hustling.

"Emotions got involved. I really didn't handle it the right way. Pierce said. "So, I'm just going to come out and apologize to my teammates, the coaching staff the fans of Boston for what happened last night."

Pierce and Rivers argued during Wednesday night's 101-100 win over Milwaukee

Pierce was pulled from the game against the Bucks with just over 41/2 minutes to play and the Celtics holding a 92-91 lead. The star guard appeared agitated when Jiri Welsch came in for him. Pierce then got into a brief shouting match that Rivers ended by shouting, "You sit."

Rivers said he was upset because he didn't think Pierce was heading out quickly enough on the fast break

Judge: Williams can be retried

SOMERVILLE, N.J. - Former NBA player Jayson Williams can be retried on a manslaughter charge in a shotgun slaying at his mansion, a judge ruled Thursday

Judge Edward Coleman denied requests by Williams' lawyers to dismiss the reckless manslaughter charge. But the judge barred prosecutors from mentioning the basketball player's attempted cover-up of the shooting when the case is retried.

The 36-year-old former New Jersey Nets star faces a retrial because of a mixed verdict delivered April 30. The jury acquitted Williams of the most serious offense, aggravated manslaughter, but deadlocked on the charge of reckless manslaughter. He was convicted of charges stemming from an attempt to conceal the shooting.

Undrafted rookie RB Croom prepared to start for Cards

The Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. - If Emmitt Smith can't go on Sunday in Detroit, undrafted rookie Croom will start at running back for the Arizona Cardinals. The former UNLV back is hum-

ble about the opportunity. "It's definitely a blessing."

Croom said. "I didn't expect it, especially not this year. Coach Wilson (running backs coach Kirby Wilson) always told me to keep working hard and you never know what will happen.

Coach Dennis Green had declared Smith out of Sunday's game with a sprained left big toe. Smith didn't practice Wednesday, but was listed as questionable, which is supposed to mean there's a 50-50 chance he can play Sunday.

"He has an amazing ability to heal," Green said, "so we'll see." Croom became Smith's backun after Troy Hambrick was lost for the season with a torn ligament in

his foot

Croom carried 10 times for 25 yards in last week's 13-3 loss to the New York Jets. Arizona managed just 71 yards rushing in the

Browns OR McCown ready if Garcia and Holcomb out

BEREA, Ohio - Kelly Holcomb's cracked ribs and Jeff Garcia's sore shoulder could leave rookie Luke McCown as Cleveland's only option at quarterback against New England on Sunday.



Holcomb suffered cracked ribs in the Browns' 58-48 loss to Cincinnati last Sunday, his first start of the season

Holcomb has not ruled out playing against the Patriots and along with Garcia is listed as questionable. Garcia sprained the rotator cuff in his right shoulder on Nov. 21 against the New York Jets.

Browns interim coach Terry Robiskie said both quarterbacks will be re-evaluated Thursday. practiced Wednes day.Also, the Browns placed wide receiver Andre' Davis on injured reserve, finishing his season, because of turf toe that likely will require surgery

Faulk called questionable

ST. LOUIS - Marshall Faulk's recent struggles are due to a bruised left knee that will keep him out of practice this week. The St. Louis Rams runner also will miss Sunday's game likely against the San Francisco 49ers after being downgraded from probable to questionable on Thursday

The gimpy Faulk has 20 carries for only 13 yards the last two weeks. First-round pick Steven Jackson almost certainly will start in his place on Sunday and coach Mike Martz said Thursday

NFL injury update

taiders: RB Tyrone Wheatley (torn left instring) will likely miss two to three

Giants: RB Tiki Barber (stitches in knee) was held out of practice Wednes-day but is expected to play Sunday

gåinst Washington.

Chiefs: QB Trent Green (sore ribs)
nissed practice Wednesday and repaste questionable for Sunday's game

Packers: RB Ahman Green (bruise ribs) practiced Wednesday and is ex pected to play Sunday at Philadelphia. that Jackson probably should

have played more the last two Faulk has 161 carries for 683

yards, a 4.2-yard average with three touchdowns. Jackson, the first running back selected in the draft, has 377 yards on 74 carries a 5.1-yard average, and two touch-

Shaun Smith joins fourth team

CINCINNATI — Defensive tackle Shaun Smith was acquired on waivers Thursday by the Cincinnati Bengals, his fourth team

Smith, a first-year player from South Carolina, was on the Dallas practice squad last year and opened training camp this season with the Cowboys. He was claimed on waivers Sept. 1 by Arizona, waived five days later and was signed to New Orleans' practice squad before being promoted to the Saints' 53-man roster and playing in five games.

Hot Suns off to best start in 24 years

The Associated Press

PHOENIX - The Phoenix Suns were at it again Wednesday night — racing past another oppo nent to improve to 13-2 — the NBA's best record and the fran-

chise's best start in 24 years.
Amare Stoudemire, Steve Nash and Quentin Richardson each scored 21 points, and the Suns beat the Cleveland Cavaliers 120-101 for their ninth in a row. "By far, they are the best team in the NBA right now," LeBron James said. "Just their ability to score, that's an amazing system that their coach has got them in."

Joe Johnson scored 18 points and was the lead defender in hold-ing James to 6-for-19 shooting for

15 points — 11 under his average. "They made me work tonight," James said. "They played great defense. At times, I was just indecisive. It wasn't one of my better ones, but that's what's good about the NBA. We've got another one

tomorrow. Stoudemire scored 13 on 6-for-6 shooting in the decisive third quarter and Nash sat out the fourth while his backup Leandro Barbosa scored 13 of his 15 noints.

Shawn Marion had 10 points and 12 rebounds as all five Phoenix starters scored in double figures for the second night in a row The Suns had a season-high 30 fast-break points



The victory streak matched the sixth-longest in Suns' history and avenged one of Phoenix's two loss-

es this season. "I still don't think we've done nothing yet," Johnson said.
"Don't get me wrong. It's fun to win. But it's a long, long season. There's a lot ahead of us and a lot more room for improvement.

Magic 129, Raptors 108: Steve Francis scored 23 points. Grant Hill added 17 and Orlando to tie for the NBA's highest-scoring game of the season.

Eight Orlando players scored in double figures as the Magic shot 57.3 percent (51-for-89) and held a rebounding advantage of

Only three players didn't make

at least half their shots. Celtics 101, Bucks 100: At Boston, Paul Pierce had a brief argument with Boston coach Doc Rivers when he was lifted from the game, but returned and made

a key three-pointer. Pierce, who led Boston with 23 points, was lifted with just over 4½ minutes to play and the Celtics holding a 92-91 lead. The star

forward appeared agitated when Jiri Welsch came in for him. After a chat in the huddle between Pierce and Rivers during a timeout Pierce returned and hit his three-pointer on Boston's first ssession, giving the Celtics a 97-93 lead with 2:40 to go.

Knicks 90. Grizzlies 82: Stephon Marbury made five three-pointers in the second quarter to help put the Knicks ahead for good, and host New York received a fourth-quarter boost

from Jerome Williams. The loss was the fifth straight for Memphis, and the fourth since the unexpected resignation of coach Hubie Brown.

Marbury scored 26 points, 17 coming in the second quarter.

Wizards 95, Nets 68: Washing ton welcomed coach Eddie Jordan back with a victory over his former team and sent the Nets to their sixth consecutive road loss.

Gilbert Arenas had a sea-son-high 30 points, seven rebounds and five assists to lead the Wizards to their fifth victory in six games. Antawn Jamison added 18 points and nine rebounds as Washington posted its largest winning

margin of the season. Jordan, 49, was hospitalized with a blood clot in his left leg and missed two games.

Bulls 92, Lakers 84: Rookies

Luol Deng and Ben Gordon rescued Chicago in the fourth quarter and the Bulls held off a late charge by Kobe Bryant and the Los Angeles Lakers.

Deng scored nine points and Gordon eight in the fourth quarter as Chicago got just its second win in 12 games. Deng and Eddy Curry led the Bulls, returning home after a seven-game mad trip, with 18 points apiece.

Spurs 105, 76ers 72: At San Antonio, Tim Duncan scored 24 points, including 17 straight in the second quarter, leading the

Spurs. Duncan, who sat out the fourth quarter, also had 12 rebounds and six blocks in 25 minutes for

the 415th double-double of his ca-The victory was the 20th in a row for the Spurs at the SBC Cen-ter and tied the franchise's best

start after 16 games at 13-3. Kings 94, Hornets 81: Brad Miller's 24 points and some clutch outside shooting by Bobby Jackson and Peja Stojakovic lift ed the Sacramento Kings and kept the Hornets winless at home

The Hornets had a 20-point deficit trimmed to nine after Lee Nailon's one-handed follow of a missed three-pointer with a little more than nine minutes to go. But three-pointers on three straight Kings possessions - two by Jackson and one by Stojakovic - made the score 83-67 and all but ended any realistic chance of the Hornets (1-13) notching their first home victory in seven tries.

The Kings (10-5) have won four straight on the road.

SuperSonics 129, Jazz 119 (OT): At Seattle, Ray Allen scored a season-high 38 points, including nine in overtime, and the Super-Sonics overcame Carlos Boozer's career-high 36-points.

While the surprising Sonics improved their record to 14-3, the Jazz lost their third straight and fifth in six games.

Timberwolves 107, Warriors 99: Sam Cassell had 26 points, 11 rebounds and eight assists, and visiting Minnesota rallied in the fourth quarter for its third straight victory.

Kevin Garnett had 17 points, 16 rebounds and nine assists for the Timberwolves, who barely held off a lowly opponent that's given them plenty of trouble in recent vears.

Clippers 88. Pacers 76: At Los Angeles, Elton Brand scored 27 points, Bobby Simmons added 20 and the Clippers barely held on to beat short-handed Indiana for their fifth straight victory.

The Clippers have won five in a row for the first time since No-vember 1995. The last time they won six straight was March 1992

NBA scoreboard

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Seattle	14	3	.824	-				
Minnesota	9	5	.643	31/2				
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Utah	8	8	.500	51/2				
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Phoenix	13	2	.867	-				
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Report: Notre Dame, Meyer to meet

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Notre Dame has contacted Utah coach Urban Meyer about its coaching vacancy and was to meet with him Thursday,

The New York Times reported The school contacted Meyer, a former Sports

briefs

Notre Dame assistant, on Wednesday, the newspaper reported, citing an un-named source. The story did not say where the meet-ing would take place. John Heisler Notre Dame's asso-

ciate athletic director, said athletic director Kevin White was in South Bend on Thursday. Meyer, conducting a practice for his team Thursday, said only "Not right now" when asked about the report

Utah AD Chris Hill told the AP he wouldn't comment on the report, but that his school would attempt to keep Meyer, who this year has Utah poised to become the first team from a mid-major conference to crack the Bowl Championship Series.

Meyer was the receivers coach at Notre Dame from 1996 to 2000 before leaving for his

first head coaching job at Bowling Green. He quickly turned around the Falcons, going 8-3 and 9-3 before moving to Utah in 2003. The Utes were 10-2 last season and are 11-0 this

season and ranked fifth in the nation. Notre Dame fired Tyrone Willingham as football coach on Tuesday after he posted a 21-15 record in three sea:

Four tied for lead in Nedbank Challenge

SUN CITY, South Africa - Australia's Stuart Appleby bogeyed the last two holes to fin-ish with a 2-under 70 and a share of the first-round lead with Ernie Els, Lee Westwood and Retief Goosen in the Nedbank Golf Challenge

NHL, union to resume negotiations

NEW YORK — The NHL accepted an invita-tion from the players' association on Thursday to return to the negotiating table in an effort to end the 3-month-old lockout.

In a letter sent to NHL commissioner Gary Bettman on Thursday, players' association executive director Bob Goodenow proposed that the sides meet next week in Toronto and said the union is working on a new proposal.

No official talks have occurred since Sept. 9. when the union made its last offer

Miller's streak ends with second place

BEAVER CREEK, Colo. - Bode Miller's three-race winning streak ended Thursday, but the American still added to his commanding lead in the World Cup overall standings by finishing second to Austria's Stephan Goergl in a super-G

Miller is off to a fast start in a bid to become the first American since Phil Mahre in 1983 to win the overall title. Miller won the first three races and now has 380 points to lead the stand ings by more than 200 points. Austria's Hermann Maier is second with 168.

Babe's bat goes for \$1.26 million

NEW YORK - The massive 46-ounce Lou isville Slugger used by Babe Ruth to drill the first home run in Yankee Stadium history was sold for a record \$1.26 million Thursday to an unidentified private collector.

The bat, 36 inches of solid ash billed as The Holy Grail of sports memorabilia," sold after about one minute of high-stakes bidding at Sotheby's auction house.

Giambi: Use started back in '01

"So I started to ask him: 'Hey, what are the things you're doing with Barry? He's an incredible player. I want to still be able to work out at that age and keep playing," "Giambi testified, according to the Chronicle. "And that's how the conversation first started '

After returning to the United States, Anderson told Giambi he could provide him with performance-enhancing drugs and suggested he stop taking the steroid Deca Durabolin that he obtained from the Las Vegas gym because it stays in the system too long, the paper reported. Giambi said he started using Deca Durabolin in

Giambi said Anderson never told him that Bonds used performance-enhancing drugs

"You know, I assumed because he's Barry's trainer you know, Barry - but he never said one time. This is what Barry's taking, this is what Barry's doing," Giambi testified. "He never gave up an-other name that he was dealing with or doing anything with."

Prosecutors confronted Giambi with a calendar seized from Anderson's home that detailed Giambi's schedule of drug use

Giambi told grand jurors that he didn't notice a "huge difference" in his perfor-mance after starting to use the drugs, the newspaper report-

ed. Giambi came to spring training this year looking noticeably trimmer as baseball began a steroid-testing pro-gram that included punishments for the first time. Asked in February whether he had ever taken performance-en-hancing drugs, Giambi said: "Are you talking about ste-roids? No."

Giambi won the AL MVP in 2000 for Oakland and signed a \$120 million, seven-year free-agent contract with the Yankees after the 2001 season. He hit 155 homers from 1999-2002 and batted over .300 each season, but injuries slowed him down the last two

Bothered by a balky knee, Giambi hit just .250 in 2003. Giambi batted .208 and played in only 80 games last season, missing time because of a tumor, which the New York Daily News reported was in his pituitary gland. Medical experts told the Chronicle that Clomid, a female fertility drug Giambi said he thought Anderson had given him, can exacerbate a tumor of the pituitary gland

Giambi's younger brother, Jeremy, who last played in the majors with Boston in 2003, also testified that he used perdrugs formance-enhancing given to him by Anderson, according to the Chronicle.









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Cobras craving Far East title after last season's near-miss

BY DAVE ORNAUER Stars and Stripes

Draonne Johnson, Mark Bote and Keith Sampson remember February's heartbreak as if it

only happened yesterday.

The E.J. King Cobras were within a whisker of capturing their third Far East High School Boys Class A Basketball Tourna-ment title. Instead, they watched it slip away 60-53 against St. Paul Christian of Guam. It was the Cobras' second runner-up finish in three years.

The three seniors hope this season will have a happier ending, said first-year coach Daren Schuettnelz

"This is their last year here They really want it," said Schuettpelz, the team's fifth coach in as many seasons.

The painful defeat in last year's tournament Class A "made them hungry," he said. "They've talked about it, being so close. They know they have the ability to get

If the Cobras are to make it back to center court - they broke out of the gate with a 3-0 start two weekends ago — they will have a more guard-oriented look than the team that relied on the size and inside play of 2004 graduates Andrew Stephens and Chris

Reigning Class A co-MVP Johnson headlines the squad, supported by Bote and Sampson, one of the few sizeable Cobras

Boys Class A preview

The lack of size "is an issue," Schuettpelz said. "We're trying to do it with speed ... the guys who aren't that tall are really aggres-

The veteran trio is joined by a swell of incoming freshmen who show potential, Schuettpelz said. "I like it so far," he said. "We have some rough spots to polish

out, some ball-handling issues, offensive rebounds because of lack of height. But ... I've not seen leaders so positive, who provide constructive criticism to the freshmen. And they click."

The Cobras will face stiff competition from their DODDS oppo-

■ Korea's Osan American Cou gars also lost three stars but still have plenty components of the team that finished third last year.

"It definitely is a big loss for the team," said new coach Bruce Collins, whose squad won Far East in 2003. "I look at it as the other players needing to step up and take the starting roles."

■ Taegu American could be a contender this year, and solid for years to come, as first-year coach Chance Wilson welcomes five strong returning contributors and works with a large freshman con-

■ Pusan American also returns

a veteran core. Coach Phillip Lovd savs he expects his Panthers "to surprise everyone" they play. "If we peak at the right time, this will be a special year for some fine young men," he

■ Matthew C. Perry, which went winless in Japan League play last year, already has won two league games. Nate Albia may be gone and size is lacking, but the rest of the lineup returns under new coaches Kostas Laz-

arou and Harrel Bellous. "Perry has a better team than they've had in a couple of years.

Schuettpelz said. But no team has more incentive than E.J. King, which is determined to finish the job they began in February.

"That's a real drive for them," Schuettpelz said. "If they keep playing and improving as they are, and they keep that drive and keep focused on the goal, I see us challenging for the top spots.

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Guard Kris Lazarou and the Matthew C. Perry Samurai have already won ore Japan Basketball League games than they did all of last season.

2004-05 Class A boys basketball capsules

Korea

Osan American Cougars

Osan Air Base, South Korea Coach: Bruce Collins, first season. Last season: Overall, 21-7; league, 12-4; second in Kore-



Durham guard.

Key newcomers: Ben Kretz, senior, center; Jason Hechtman, sophers, shooting guard; Corey Black, sophoty, guard-forward.

guard-forward. bok: The cupboard is hardly bare for . The Cougars will be competitive.

Taegu American Warriors

Camp George, South Korea Coach: Chance Wilson, first season

Coach: Chance Wilson, first season. Last season: Overall, 8-14; league, 3-9, sev-nth in Korean-American Interscholastic Ac-vivities Conference; seventh in Far East lass A (small schools) Tournament. Key returners: Rick Oberle, senior, center; Vendell Espy, junior, guard; Durl Balat, jun-or, forward; Kenny Harris, sophomore, olint guard; Sydney Washington, sopho-olint guard; Sydney Washington, sopho-

power yeard; syuney washington, sopholomore; mexchanges; Mychal McGee, freshman, quard; Daniel Pressley, freshman, forward; frey Washington, freshman, center.

Outlook: Building for the future. Plenty of returning talent combined with underclassmen oziging potential. Lacking experience top to bottom at the moment, but Wilson feels the Warriors will get stronger over the next three years.

Pusan American Panthers

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Camp Hilleah, South Korea
Oach: Phillip Loyd, third season.
Last season: Overall, 10-12: league, 4-5:
fourth in Korean-American Interscholastic
East Class
A (small school) Tournament.
Key returners: James Edwards, Junior, forward: Moses Joh, Junior, guard: David Ludwig, senior: Robert Smith, senior: Detlef
Loyd, Junior, Christ Moye, sophomis Moye, and

(uba Niemaszek, senior.

Outlook: Panthers could be one of the surorise teams of the league and perhaps the
class A tournament as well, with a good
one of experienced players.

E.J. King Cobras

Sasebo Naval Base, Japan
Coach: Daren Schuettpelz, first season.
Last season: Overall, 21-13; league, 7-7
fourth in Japan Basketball League; second
in Far East Class A (small schools) Tourna-

Matthew C. Perry Samurai

Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station, Japan Last season: Overall, 5-23; league, 0-16; ast in Japan Basketball League; eighth in ar East Class A (small schools) Tourna-ment.



comment schools) Tournament.

Coaches: Kostas Lazarou and Harrel Bellous, first season.

Key returners: Emphrem Hardin, senior, guard; Kevin Lee, senior, guard-forward; Brandon Scott, junior, guard-forward; Kris Lazarou, sophomore, guard.

Outlook: Gnne is the

Outlook: Gone is the talented Nate Albia, but that should clear turnees with good po-tential who'll see more playing time and more touches this season. Just two weeks into season, Samural have two JBL wins — more than all of last season.



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Two-time defending champs want more

Coach says Seoul American will contend again; Kadena, Kubasaki ready to pounce

BY DAVE ORNAUER Stars and Stripes

The faces may change. The system and championship ways stay

That's coach Steve Boyd's philosophy as his Seoul American Falcons boys basketball squad opens defense of its Kore-an-American Interscholastic Ac-tivities Conference and two straight Far East Class AA Tournament titles.

"The Falcons are always a contender, never a pretender," said Boyd, in his fourth season at the Falcons' helm. "As far as we're concerned, the championship team will come through Seoul American. And we have the rings and banners to prove it."

Such bravado might belie a Falcons team that has lost all but one starter from its brilliant two-year run, in which it went 72-12, led by 2003 MVP Nino Etienne and 2004 MVP Jake Abramowitz

Only junior guard Jay Higgins remains from those lineups. But Boyd feels he has plenty of talent to plug in, from the last two years' bench or coming off the Patriot Express.

If nothing else, the Falcons have the height: Sophomore Anthony Gatlin stands 6 feet 6, Higgins and junior transfer Mike Goodman from Kubasaki are 6-5 and junior Jeremy Christoper is 6-2. All, including 5-6 point guard Jamaal Mohn, saw significant Far East minutes a season ago.

Higgins and Mohn "have taken a leadership role and realize that this year's team is theirs to lead, Boyd said.

They'll pilot a balanced offense that should feature plenty of moves to the basket as well as strong perimeter shooting, while Boyd's defense again will range from a tight 2-3 zone to his trademark 1-3-1 half-court trap that he calls the "Black Diamond.

In addition to league play, Boyd also hopes to hone his team's

Class AA boys

skills with at least eight games against lightning-quick South Korean schools, and play a handful of games with the Yongsan Runnin' Rebels post team as well as intramural squads.

Just the team's tryouts sounded a solid note for the future.

"We had 61 kids come out, the most in my years at Seoul Ameri-can." Boyd said, "We have a wealth of young talent, both size

Still, with a handful of talent-laden teams on the horizon, the road to a Class AA three-peat won't be a cakewalk for Boyd and his charges

■ Kubasaki welcomes a pair of solid transfers in senior Marcus Carson at point guard and junior Stephen Thompson in the paint. The Dragons got off to a good start, just missing out on the title in the 35th Hong Kong Interna-tional School holiday tournament

"He's the real deal," coach Chris Sullivan said of Carson, who comes in from Virginia and appears to be at least the equal of Rich Sheffield, who led the Dragons to their last Class AA title in 1997. Thompson "is going to be underneath. much-needed ability to hit the boards "

■ Not since 1995 have Kubasa ki and its Okinawa archrival Kadena met at center court. That could happen Feb. 26 at Kadena High School, where the Panthers boast a solid group of 6-foot-plus 'trees' of their own, led by 6-foot-4 junior Z'aire Jackson.

"Call us in contention," said first-year coach Robert Bliss, adding that Jackson - plus sophomore posts Brandon Rice and Wright and underclass guards Jacob Love, David Mendoza and Darnell Womach - noint



JIM SCHULZ/Stars and St

ard Lynce, 23, right, of the Nile C. Kinnick Red Devils has his shot blocked by Ephrem Gibson of the Matthew C. Perry Samurai during Saturday's Japan Basketball League game.

to a bright future. "I certainly hope so. I'm looking forward to

■ Nor is the cupboard bare at Nile C. Kinnick in Japan, where junior guard Travis Ekmark and senior swingman Leonard Lynce are joined by transfer Paul Ergus from Robert D. Edgren, replacing graduated Brenden Lynce in the

"We look to repeat as [Kanto Plain] league champs and our ulti-mate goal, of course, is a Far East championship," said Nathan Brewster. "We are working harder than last year and I think the program is easier for the returning players, as it is not

But in Boyd's mind, at least, the title belongs to the Falcons until somebody knocks them off.

"We have tradition, confidence and high expectations to win and win big," he said. "A three-peat Far East championship is our goal.

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team since the 2000 Class AA runners-up. Jackson can simply be unstoppable at times. Guard play was thought to be an issue, with A.J. Morgan and Dajuan Kindell having graduated, but Schmidt fills the point role incley and there's plenty of backup. Tumer, Rice and Wright are capable scorers and rebounders. Kade makubasaki Class AA title matchup a good possibility.

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forward.

Key newcomers: D.J. Lane, sophomore; C.J. Leon Guerrero, [unior.

Outlook: Contending. Senior-laden ballclub; six players return from Trojans' fourth-place Class AA team.
Will miss the 30-plus scoring average of Corey Stacy,
but can still fill the nets; how Trojans play defense will

see the superior programma. Allersworth says.

opnomore, center. Outlook: Reloading-contending, at least in JBL and onto More balanced team than last year, good guard erience, but not very big; will likely rebound by com-tee. Hoping not to "peak too early," Ettl said; Pan-rs ran off 11 straight games after the holiday break

Coach: Andre Thibert, second season.

Key returnees: Michael Holmes, senior; Shamar RidKey netvouneer: Salon Schwalm, senior; Jacques
Moton, freshman; Zach Latimore, freshman; Social Schwalm, senior; Jacques
Moton, freshman; Zach Latimore, freshman; Social Schwalm, Salon Sc

SPORTS

Grizzlies hire Fratello to take over for Brown, Page 35

Illinois leaves Wake behind



Illinois' Fred Nkemdi guards Wake Forest's Richard Joyce (23) late in the second half at Assembly Hall in Chamapaign, Ill., on Wednesday, No 5 Illinois beat No. 1 Wake Forest 91-73. See story on Page 33.

Paper: Giambi testified he used steroids

Yankee told grand jury drugs came from Bonds' trainer

SAN FRANCISCO - New York Yankees slugger Jason Giambi iniected himself with human growth hormone in 2003 and used steroids for at least three seasons, according to his grand jury testimony that was reviewed by the San Francisco Chronicle.

The testimony given in December 2003 to the federal grand jury investigating BALCO contradicts Giambi's public proclamations that he never used performance-enhancing drugs.

Baseball probably cannot punish Giambi. Penalties for steroid began in 2004. Human growth hormone, or hGH, is not specifically banned by the major leagues.

Giambi described to grand jurors how he injected hGH in his stomach, testosterone into his buttocks, rubbed an undetectable steroid knows as "the cream" on his body and placed drops of another, called "the clear," under his tongue, the Chronicle reported Thursday.

Giambi testified that he obtained several different steroids from Barry Bonds' personal trainer, Greg Anderson, one of four men indicted by the grand jury probing the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative. He said he got the hGH from a gym in Las Vegas.

Anderson's attorney, Tony Serra, declined comment to the Chronicle, citing a court order.

tor Conte. BALCO vice president James Valente and track coach Remi Korchemny all have pleaded not guilty to the charges, which include steroid distribu-

The Chronicle report came out the day before Conte is scheduled to speak on the ABC program "20-20"

On Wednesday, a federal judge refused to immediately dismiss the charges in response to accusations that prosecutors illegally searched BALCO headquarters and Anderson's house and car. U.S. District Judge Susan Illston said she may conduct hearings into the matter in January

Giambi was among dozens of elite athletes - including Bonds, Gary Sheffield and track stars Tim Montgomery and Marion Jones — who testified before the grand jury last year under a promise of limited immunity from prosecution

Bonds, Jones and Montgomery deny using performance-enhanc-ing drugs. Sheffield told Sports IIlustrated and ESPN he used "the cream" and "the clear" from BALCO, but that he did not know they contained steroids.

Giambi met Anderson when the trainer joined Bonds on an All-Star tour in Japan in November 2002. Giambi said he wanted to know what Bonds' secret for success was

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Suns improve league's best record with ninth straight victory Page 36



Williams turns down deal that would have let him return to NFL next season

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Bovs basketball: Cobras chasing **Class A title; Falcons** hoping to make it three straight in AA

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